

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD AT THORNTON TOWNSHIP HALL
333 E 162nd St SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473
November 18, 2025**

Thornton Township Supervisor Harris called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 7:10p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Nesbit called the roll:

PRESENT: Supervisor Napoleon Harris, Trustees Christopher Gonzalez, Byron D. Stanley, Valeria Stubbs and Mary C. Avent

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Casey A. Nesbit and Attorney Steve Laduzinsky

ABSENT: Assessor Ca Sandra Holbert-Elston and Highway Commissioner Antwon T. Russell

PRAYER: Trustee Valeria Stubbs

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Participants: Lasharon Carter and Ryan Sinwelski.
Attorney Laduzinsky replied to Ryans comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 28, 2025, at 6pm. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley and seconded by Trustee Stubbs. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the bills lists for the General Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Stanley. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the list of bills for the General Assistance Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Avent. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the bills lists for the Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley and seconded by Trustee Stubbs. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve Resolution 25-R-006 Resolution of Thornton Township compliance with the Illinois Truth in Taxation Act for the 2025 Tax Levy relating to the General Fund and General Assistance Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley and seconded by Trustee Avent. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve Resolution 25-R-007 Resolution of Thornton Township compliance with the Illinois Truth in Taxation Act for the 2025 Tax Levy relating to the Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to table items C, D, E and F. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Closed Session

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss the hiring, discipline, performance, compensation and dismissal of certain personnel, legal counsel, acquisition of real property, matters pending, probable, or imminent litigation, pursuant to section 2© (1) of the Open Meetings Act, related to the employment or discipline of specific employees. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Avent. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

The Board goes into Closed Session 7:27pm

Supervisor entertained a motion to come out of Closed Session. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Avent. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

The Board Comes out of Closed Session 7:48pm

Actions Following Closed Session:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the Closed Session minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 28, 2025, at 6pm. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Stanley. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve Laduzinsky and Associates to take over the Township's business regarding Dukes and Miles Litigation. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Avent. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Presentation / Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Harris gave an update on what's been going on within the Township this week. Starting with the HR Department who hosted a Benefit Fair, IMRF Fair, Financial and Wellness Resources Fair. Next, he discussed Senior Services who served 1,500 meals during the first two weeks of November, The Calumet City Senior Building hosted the quarterly two-day AARP 55 alive state driving course. The Assessors Department held a Property Tax Q&A at the Calumet City Senior Center. Senior Services staff are busy planning the Ringing in the New Year Event. 500 plus Seniors attended our weekly exercise classes held at our Riverdale and Calumet City locations. Senior Services welcomed 49 new Seniors to our program during last month. In our after-school program, we have a total of 65 participants. We started an after-school tutoring program called IXL. This upcoming Thursday the after-school program is having their second field trip, also one more school has been added to the bus route which totals 18 schools. We are also planning our Christmas Program. Our Senior Transportation Department has dispatched close to approximately 3,000 trips from October 29th to November 17th. Today we successfully serviced close to 600 families during our Turkey Giveaway. Supervisor Harris gave a round of applause to all Township Employees.

Adjournment

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Avent. There being no questions or comments, Clerk Nesbit called the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Avent, Gonzalez, Stanley, Stubbs, and Supervisor Harris

NO: 0 None

ABSENT: 0 None

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:54pm

X

Casey A. Nesbit
Clerk

X

Mary Avent
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee

X

Byron D. Stanley
Trustee

X

Valeria Stubbs
Trustee

X

Napoleon B. Harris III
Supervisor
