

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD AT THORNTON TOWNSHIP HALL
333 E 162nd St SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473
December 16, 2025**

Thornton Township Supervisor Harris called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:12p.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, Highway Commissioner Antwon T. Russell, Attorney Steve Laduzinsky, Attorney Patricia Centeno and Assessor Ca Sandra Holbert-Elston

ABSENT: None

PRAYER: By Pastor Nathaniel Bowman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Participants: Paul Robertz, Ryan Sinwelski and Al Kindle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 18, 2025, at 7pm. 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 the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 25, 2025, at 6pm. 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.**

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 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.**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the bills lists for the General Assistance Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley 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 approve the bills lists for the Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley 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.**

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve Resolution 25-R-004 Property Tax Limitation Act (PTELA) For the General Fund and General Assistance 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 Resolution 25-R-005 Property Tax Limitation Act (PTELA) For the Road and Bridge Fund. 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 Ordinance 25-011 General Fund and General Assistance Fund Tax Levy Ordinance. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Supervisor Harris explains that the tax levy will be lowered to 2%. 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 Ordinance 25-012 Road and Bridge Fund Tax Levy Ordinance. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Supervisor Harris explains that the tax levy will be lowered to 3%. 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-008 Authorizing the Submission of an Advisory Question to the Electors of Thornton Township for the General Primary Election. The motion was made by Trustee Stubbs and seconded by Trustee Stanley. Attorney Centeno explains this relates to the high property taxes and this ordinance is asking the government to provide a relief fund. The attorney also explained other Townships will be on the ballot as well. 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-009 Authorizing the Submission of an Advisory Question to the Electors of Thornton Township for the General Primary Election. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Supervisor Harris explains this authorizes the start of a Public Health District in Thornton Township. 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-010 Authorizing the Submission of an Advisory Question to the Electors of Thornton Township for the General Primary Election. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Stubbs. Supervisor Harris explains this expands the TAP program to include snow removal. 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 appointment of Ethics Advisor and Ethics Commission Members. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Supervisor Harris explains that Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath will be the Ethics Advisor for Thornton Township. Ethics Members will be named later. This was approved by the previous board under Ordinance 25-004. 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 Upcoming Events: MLK Breakfast, Clerks office, January 15,2026, 10am-12pm; Monthly Bingo; Monthly Tech Savvy; Weekly Senior Home Activities. 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 the Copier Lease Contract. 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.**

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 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.**

The Board goes into Closed Session 6:39pm

Supervisor entertained a motion to come out of Closed Session. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley 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

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

The Board Comes out of Closed Session 6:50pm

Actions Following Closed Session:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the Closed Session minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 18, 2025, at 7pm. The motion was made by Trustee Stanley 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's Report:

Highlighted services provided by Senior Services, Transportation Department, Food Pantry and General Assistance, Discussed our continued partnership with Salvation Army and Nicor, Discussed the success of the Homeless prevention program, Addressed comments regarding the Townships spending under the board's direction, Relayed the success of our Holiday Luncheon and Turkey giveaway. Looking forward to the Holiday Basket giveaway and Toy drive.

Adjournment

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.**

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:59pm

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