

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM
333 E 162nd St SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473
February 23, 2026**

Thornton Township Supervisor Harris called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:09p.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, Assessor Ca Sandra Holbert-Elston and Attorney Steve Laduzinsky

ABSENT: Highway Commissioner Antwon T. Russell

PRAYER: By Pastor Nathaniel Bowman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Participants: Beverly Tomczak and Angela Russell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 20, 2026 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 for the General Fund in the amount of \$866,705.08. 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 General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$370,524.61. 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 bills lists for the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$43,517.28. 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.**

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the Annual Dues for Township Clerks Association of Cook County in the amount of \$35. 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.**

Supervisor Harris entertained a motion to approve the 2026 Township Academy, held February 6 & 20, 2026 Virtual. 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 Township Lobby Day, April 15, 2026 Springfield, IL. 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 approve the Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers (ITAGAC) Educational Conference April 23, 2026

East Peoria, IL. 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.**

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 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.**

The Board goes into Closed Session 6:23pm

Supervisor entertained a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was made by Trustee Avent 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

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

The Board Comes out of Closed Session 6:49pm

Personnel Matters:

Supervisor Harris presented La Chez Thomas and Vivian Ross with Certificates of Retirement from the Township.

Presentations/Supervisor’s Report: See attached

Adjournment

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

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:01pm

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