

**AFTON TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2021 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The Afton Township Annual meeting was called to order by Afton Township Clerk, Sherry Hellmuth, at 7:00 p.m. on this 13th day of April 2021. The 2021 Annual Town Meeting was held via Zoom video conference. The web address information including link, meeting ID and Passcode were posted at the Elva Town Hall on March 17, 2021 and published in the legal notice on March 20, 2021.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84769911032?pwd=MUpNUGJwMmM2RkVEdDA5TC9SNGOOUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 6991 1032

Passcode: afton

2. Clerk Hellmuth asked everyone to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Legal Notice

Clerk Hellmuth presented into the minutes the Public Notice of this Annual Township Meeting. The notice was published in the *Daily Chronicle* on March 20, 2021 and was posted at the Elva Town Hall on March 17, 2021 and through April 13, 2021.

4. Introduction of Elected Officials

Clerk Hellmuth identified the elected officials present- Supervisor Randall Bourdages, Trustee Julie Barr, Trustee Eric Christensen, Trustee Craig Donnelly, and Trustee Steve Hilleson. The elected officials joined the conference via video and audio with the exception of Trustee Hilleson, who joined the meeting via audio.

5. Selection/Oath of Moderator

Clerk Hellmuth called for nominations to elect a moderator. Craig Donnelly nominated Randy Bourdages to act as moderator. By unanimous acclamation Randy Bourdages was elected Moderator of the Annual Township Meeting. The record shall reflect that Mr. Bourdages was duly sworn by Clerk Hellmuth. Mr. Bourdages signed and dated the oath, which was then scanned and sent by email to Clerk Hellmuth. The appropriately signed and dated Oath of Moderator is filed with these minutes. Mr. Bourdages declined the \$25 Moderator Compensation.

6. Adoption of Rules

Moderator Bourdages stated that those in attendance were the elected township officials acting in their role as members of the public; thereby no need for roll call votes.

7. Approve the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as published with no additional changes was made by Julie Barr. The motion was seconded by Eric Christensen. Motion passed by voice vote.

8. Approve 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Moderator Bourdages asked for a motion to approve the April 9, 2019, Annual Township Minutes. The motion was made by Eric Christensen and seconded by Craig Donnelly. Motion passed by voice vote. (Note: by Afton Board Resolution No. 2020-2021-A021 the 2020 Annual Meeting was cancelled as a result of the Governor's Emergency Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic).

9. Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs

Moderator Bourdages presented and reviewed the Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs for the Afton Township General Fund for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021. The beginning Afton Township Annual Fund balance as shown was \$97,450.96 with revenues of \$89,328.05 and expenditures of \$78,639.54. The March 31, 2021 ending General Fund balance, as shown, is \$108,139.47. Mr. Bourdages noted a decrease in revenue (rental) attributed to the closing of

Elva Town Hall resulting from the Governor's Emergency Orders. A motion to accept the Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021 was made by Julie Barr and seconded by Eric Christensen. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Road Commissioner's Annual Report

Moderator Bourdages presented the Road District Treasurer's Annual Report. The April 1, 2020 beginning balance of the Afton Township Road District Fund, as shown, was \$159,797.00 with revenues of \$320,919.00 and expenditures of \$412,407.26. The March 31, 2021 ending balance, as shown, is \$68,308.00. Julie Barr asked which bank carried the loan for the trucks. Mr. Bourdages stated that Resource Bank holds that loan, while First National Bank of Omaha provides credit via a credit card account for purchases. A motion to approve the Road District Treasurer's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021 was made by Eric Christensen and seconded by Craig Donnelly. Motion passed by voice vote.

11. Cemetery Repair and Management

Moderator Bourdages stated that several gravestones are still in need of repair and he will be contacting the company who has in the past made such repairs. Additionally, there are some trees in need of trimming and/or replacement. Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Bourdages will work together on completing these tasks.

12. Public Participation

Julie Barr, 15382 Waterman Road, DeKalb, offered to assist with replacing trees at the cemetery. She will provide to Mr. Bourdages contact information for area nurseries.

13. Set Place and Time for 2021-2022 Regular Town Meetings

A motion was made by Randy Bourdages to set the 2021-2022 Regular Township Board Meetings for the second Tuesday of every month with time beginning at 7:00 p.m., except for the second Tuesday in April, when the regular Town meeting shall follow the Annual Afton Township Meeting. Unless otherwise posted, Afton Township Meetings will be held at the Elva Town Hall located at 16029 Walker Drive, DeKalb, IL. The motion was seconded by Julie Barr. Motion passed by voice vote.

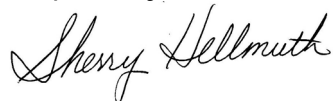
14. Set Place and Time for 2022 Annual Town Meeting

The Afton Township Annual Meeting is held according to 60 ILCS 5/6-205 on the second Tuesday of April with a scheduled start time after 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Randy Bourdages to set the 2022 Afton Township Annual Meeting for Tuesday, April 12, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Julie Barr. Motion passed by voice vote. The Afton Township Annual Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elva Town Hall, 16029 Walker Drive, DeKalb IL.

15. Adjourn

A motion was made by Eric Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Craig Donnelly. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherry Hellmuth,
Afton Township Clerk

Randall Bourdages
Moderator, 2021 Afton Township Annual Meeting