

**MINUTES
AFTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Afton Township Board was convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at the Elva Town Hall with Supervisor Randall Bourdages presiding.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Supervisor Bourdages requested all in attendance to stand for The Pledge of Allegiance to open the regular meeting of the Afton Township Board of Trustees.

ROLL CALL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

The roll call was conducted by Clerk Hellmuth; Supervisor Randall Bourdages, Highway Commissioner James Elliott, Trustees Julie Barr, Craig Donnelly, Eric Christensen, Steve Schramm, and Clerk Sherry Hellmuth answered the call. All elected board officials were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The July 11, 2023, meeting agenda was provided, via email, to all members of the board on July 6, 2023 and was also available on the website and posted at the Elva Town Hall. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Christensen. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donnelly. Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A draft of the June 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes was provided, via email, to all members of the board on July 6, 2023. A motion to approve the minutes of the regular township board meeting held on June 13, 2023, was made by Trustee Christensen. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barr. Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Supervisor Bourdages provided copies of the July check register and the current month's expense report for the township and road district. Also included was the Road District's Balance Sheet as of July 10, 2023.

Supervisor Bourdages and Highway Commissioner Elliott reviewed the balance sheet, expense report and claims for the road district. Supervisor Bourdages stated that the \$104,578.08 loan payment to Resource Bank had inadvertently not been included with the total expenses shown on the expense report. A motion to approve the Afton Township Road & Bridge District Fund Expense Report totaling **\$116,406.08** for the July, 2023, township meeting was made by Trustee Donnelly. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schramm. Motion passed by roll call vote.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Supervisor Bourdages	X	
Trustee Barr	X	
Trustee Christensen	X	
Trustee Donnelly	X	
Trustee Schramm	X	

Supervisor Bourdages reviewed the expense report and claims for the township and also stated that the township General Fund balance was \$202,426.30. A motion to approve the Afton Township General Fund Expense Report totaling **\$6,480.83** for the July, 2023, township meeting was made by Trustee Christensen. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barr. Motion passed by roll call vote.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Supervisor Bourdages	X	
Trustee Barr	X	
Trustee Christensen	X	
Trustee Donnelly	X	
Trustee Schramm	X	

CEMETERY

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Supervisor Bourdages requested a change in the order of business to begin with a presentation by Bridget Nordurft, Chief County Assessment Officer for DeKalb County. Ms. Nordurft presented estimated EAV information for the Meta development. She estimated amounts related to each of the three buildings and provided a chart for years 2021-2026 showing the estimated taxable EAV for the township and the increase in the EAV as the Meta development progresses toward completion.

The presentation also included scenarios for various tax rates and the related tax collections for the township. The Meta development is shown to have almost a 10-fold increase in the township EAV by 2026. Ms. Nordurft, again, indicated these amounts were conservative estimates.

PUBLIC FORUM

Notice of the Agenda was posted at the Elva Town Hall on Thursday, July 6, 2023, and was available on the township website at www.aftontownship.org.

Mr. Charles McCormick, 6688 Pebble Beach Court, DeKalb, IL 60115 stated that the board should determine priorities for the township and develop a timeline. Additionally, as a resident of South Pointe, he would like to see the board priorities include some sort of buffer/open space as a result of the increased truck traffic associated with the new developments along Gurler Road.

Additional township residents were in attendance, Chuck Barr, Cathy Hammett, Michelle Christensen, Steve Hilleson, Jim Boesche, Nelson Hillquist, and Bridget Nordurft.

Mr. Bill Nicklas, DeKalb City Manager.

NEW BUSINESS Resumed

B. After Ms. Nordurft's presentation and Mr. McCormick's statement, the second item of new business, Approval of Strategic Planning and Goal Identification Proposal for Afton Township, was introduced by Mr. Bourdages. This item of new business had been tabled at the June meeting. Lengthy discussion ensued concerning the proposal from the NIU Center for

Governmental Studies. A motion was made by Trustee Christensen to approve the proposal from NIU with a spending cap of \$17,000. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bourdages. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Supervisor Bourdages	X	
Trustee Barr	X	
Trustee Christensen	X	
Trustee Donnelly	X	
Trustee Schramm	X	

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

No report.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor Bourdages – stated that he would be attending a conference in Rockford on Friday for township supervisors.

Highway Commissioner Elliott –stated that he would not be running for another term as Highway Commissioner.

Clerk Hellmuth –no report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Christensen to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Trustee Barr, with all in favor. The Regular Meeting of the Afton Township Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Hellmuth, Afton Township Clerk