

**MINUTES
AFTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Afton Township Board was convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 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 September 12, 2023, meeting agenda was provided, via email, to all members of the board on September 7, 2023, was 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 August 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes was provided, via email, to all members of the board on September 7, 2023. A motion to approve the minutes of the regular township board meeting held on August 8, 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 September check register and the current month's expense report for the township and road district.

Highway Commissioner Elliott reviewed the Road District expense report. A motion to approve the Afton Township Road & Bridge District Fund Expense Report totaling **\$48,044.57** for the September, 2023, township meeting was made by Trustee Barr. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donnelly. 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. A motion to approve the Afton Township General Fund Expense Report totaling **\$9,277.80** for the September, 2023, township meeting was made by Trustee Schramm. 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

Supervisor Bourdages reported that Gray's Tree Service will trim trees at the cemetery. Hannah Surveyors will be at the Afton Cemetery Thursday to begin survey work.

PUBLIC FORUM

Notice of the Agenda was posted at the Elva Town Hall on Thursday, September 7, 2023, and was available on the township website at www.aftontownship.org.

Mr. John Norris of 350 East Gurler Road asked about recourse for drainage issues subsequent to the construction at the intersection of Route 23 and Gurler Rd. Highway Commissioner Elliott suggested contacting the DeKalb County Engineer, Zak Gil. Trustee Barr stated that per a recent meeting of the DeKalb City Council, DeKalb City Manager, Bill Nicklas, was to be contacted regarding drainage issues resulting from construction at this intersection.

Additionally, Mr. Norris asked about semi-truck traffic on Gurler Road west of Route 23 given the weight limits. Discussion ensued regarding jurisdiction and responsible agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Bourdages provided information regarding a zoom meeting scheduled by NIU Center for Governmental Studies to begin the strategic planning process. Mr. Bourdages stated that he will contact TOI and Greg Kuhn to determine how the meeting can be held within OMA guidelines.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Supervisor Bourdages reported that Resource Bank's third-party risk management company had a cyber security issue affecting accounts with several DeKalb County townships. Afton Township accounts had no loss; however, the accounts were closed and new accounts opened at Resource Bank.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor Bourdages – will be attending a meeting regarding Broadband Internet for Rural Areas.

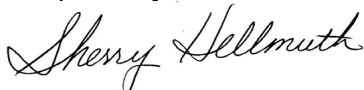
Highway Commissioner Elliott –work on McGirr Road will be starting next week. Waterman Road work is completed and Mr. Nelson Hillquist was cited for good work on this project.

Clerk Hellmuth –reported on the "Social Media Webinar" attended on August 10, sponsored by Township Officials of Illinois.

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 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Hellmuth, Afton Township Clerk