

**MINUTES
AFTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Afton Township Board was convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 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, Trustees Julie Barr, Craig Donnelly, Eric Christensen, Steve Schramm, and Clerk Sherry Hellmuth answered the call. Highway Commissioner, James Elliott was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The November 14, 2023, meeting agenda was provided, via email, to all members of the board on November 9, 2023, was available on the website, and posted at the Elva Town Hall. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Donnelly. The motion was seconded by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A draft of the October 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes was provided, via email, to all members of the board on November 9, 2023. A motion to approve the minutes of the regular township board meeting held on October 10, 2023, was made by Trustee Schramm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barr. Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Supervisor Bourdages provided copies of the November check register and the current month's expense report for the township and road district.

Supervisor Bourdages reviewed the Road District expense report. A motion to approve the Afton Township Road & Bridge District Fund Expense Report totaling **\$24,917.82** for the November, 2023, township meeting was made by Trustee Schramm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donnelly. Motion passed by roll call vote.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</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 **\$13,596.16** for the November, 2023, township meeting was made by Trustee Christensen. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schramm. Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

CEMETERY

Supervisor Bourdages reported that work was completed with the cemetery survey and pin location.

PUBLIC FORUM

Notice of the Agenda was posted at the Elva Town Hall on Thursday, November 9, 2023, and was available on the township website at www.aftontownship.org.

Ms. Racquel (Kelly) Whitney, 10432 Perry Road, addressed the board regarding the zoning hearing resulting from her neighbor’s request to operate a kennel on the property immediately adjacent to her property. Ms. Whitney also asked about solutions to problems with ongoing severe accidents at the intersection of State Route 23 and Perry Road. Supervisor Bourdages indicated that the township had no role in zoning issues, which are a DeKalb County Board matter.

Bill Nicklas, DeKalb City Manager, was present and provided information regarding ongoing discussions concerning accidents at the intersection of State Route 23 and Perry Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Bourdages provided a list of township residents and other stakeholders who will be invited to participate in various focus group meetings as part of the strategic planning process. He requested any additional recommendations to be submitted to him by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 15. Also noted was the schedule of meetings on Friday, November 17 to take place with the strategic planning team and each of the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Bourdages provided copies of the draft tax levy for the township and road district. He noted that the tax levy for both taxing bodies would be under 5%. The tax levy will be approved at the December 12th meeting.

Supervisor Bourdages explained the need for a resolution allowing the township to invest excess money in The Illinois Fund through the State of Illinois Treasurer's Office. A motion to approve Resolution 2023-2024-RA001 Authorizing Investments of Monies in The Illinois Fund was made by Trustee Christensen. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donnelly. Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(See Unfinished Business)

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor Bourdages – No report.

Highway Commissioner Elliott – No report

Clerk Hellmuth – No report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Schramm to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Trustee Christensen, with all in favor. The Regular Meeting of the Afton Township Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Hellmuth, Afton Township Clerk