

**AFTON TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2023 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The Afton Township Annual meeting was called to order by Afton Township Clerk, Sherry Hellmuth, at 7:02 p.m. on this 11th day of April 2023. The 2023 Annual Town Meeting was held at the Elva Town Hall, 16029 Walker Drive, DeKalb, IL 60115.

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 18, 2023 and was posted at the Elva Town Hall and on the Afton Township website (www.aftontownship.org) March 30, 2022 and through April 11, 2023.

4. Introduction of Elected Officials

Clerk Hellmuth identified the elected officials present- Supervisor Randall Bourdages, Highway Commissioner, James Elliott, Trustee Julie Barr, Trustee Eric Christensen, Trustee Craig Donnelly, Trustee Steve Schramm, and Afton-Pierce MTAD Assessor, Jay Walker.

Clerk Hellmuth reviewed the procedure for preparation of the agenda for regular board meetings and for the Annual Town meeting. The Annual Meeting agenda must be approved at the March board meeting; therefore, any item that at least 15 electors wish to submit for consideration to be placed on the agenda, must be received by the clerk by March 1.

5. Selection/Oath of Moderator

Clerk Hellmuth called for nominations to elect a moderator. Eric Christensen nominated Randy Bourdages to act as moderator. Julie Barr seconded the nomination, and 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 declined the \$25 Moderator Compensation.

6. Adoption of Rules

Moderator Bourdages stated that those in attendance wishing to speak to any agenda item must fill out the form and present the completed form to Clerk Hellmuth. The moderator will call forward each individual in the order the forms were received. A time limit of three minutes will be given each individual to address the group.

7. Approve the Agenda

The agenda for the April 11, 2023 Afton Annual Town Meeting was approved at the regular March Afton Township Board Meeting.

8. Approve 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Moderator Bourdages asked for a motion to approve the April 12, 2022, Annual Township Minutes. The motion was made by Lance Gackowski and seconded by Julie Barr. Motion passed by voice vote.

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, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023. The beginning Afton Township Annual Fund balance as shown was \$110,169.21 with revenues of \$100,125.90 and expenditures of \$98,376.18 (surplus of \$1,749.72). The March 31, 2022 ending

General Fund balance, as shown, is \$113,036.41. Mr. Bourdages also reviewed Afton Township fund balances.

10. Road Commissioner's Annual Report

Moderator Bourdages presented the Road District Treasurer's Annual Report. The April 1, 2022 beginning balance of the Afton Township Road District Fund, as shown, was \$101,981.18 with revenues of \$328,653.01 and expenditures of \$293,504.75 (surplus of 35,148.26). The March 31, 2023 ending balance, as shown, is \$140,545.59.

Mr. Bourdages reviewed Afton Road District fund balances and Mr. Elliott explained some changes in township road responsibilities, i.e., adding South First Street to Afton Road District and changing Gurler Road responsibility to DeKalb Road District. Mr. Elliott also reviewed upcoming projects: Anderland Road bridge to be replaced in 2028 using state funds and improving the ditches and seal coating Anderland Road, McGirr Road work this year includes new culverts, entrances, ditches, raising the road bed and seal coating from Waterman Road to Howison Road, Waterman Road will be seal coated this spring with drainage improvements completed over the next two years.

Mr. Elliott mentioned improvements made by Union Pacific at the railroad crossing on Minnigan Road. All issues relating to railroad crossings in the township are handled by Union Pacific.

11. Public Participation

Tamara Knight, 11906 McGirr Road, DeKalb, addressed the group regarding road drainage onto her property. Mr. Elliott stated he has spoken with the county engineer regarding the issue but will provide Ms. Knight contact information to the appropriate county offices.

Julie Barr, 15382 Waterman Road, DeKalb, stated that more specific information was needed for the land purchase and well drilling items on the agenda. Ms. Barr would like to know cost data for both land and well, setbacks, the amount of land to be purchased, etc. Mr. Bourdages explained that the Annual Meeting electors vote on approval to authorize the township board to move forward with these plans—seeking bids, determining cost and location.

12. Replace Windows in Elva Town Hall

A motion was made by Eric Christensen to have the windows and doors in the Elva Town Hall building replaced. The motion was seconded by Helen Traglia. Discussion ensued. The motion passed by voice vote.

13. Purchase Land for Well for Elva Town Hall

The motion made by Jim Elliott to purchase land and construct a well at a cost not to exceed \$70,000. Prior to anyone providing a second to the motion, discussion ensued. Mr. Elliott then withdrew his motion. Helen Traglia then made a motion to purchase land that would be needed for a well. Jim Elliott seconded the motion. The motion passed with 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

14. Construct Well for Elva Town Hall

Eric Christensen made a motion to approve construction of a well to serve the Elva Town Hall building. The motion was seconded by Jay Walker. Motion passed with 33 in favor and 0 opposed.

15. Set Place and Time for 2023-2024 Regular Town Meetings

A motion was made by Eric Christensen to set the 2023-2024 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.

16. Set Place and Time for 2024 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 Julie Barr to set the 2024 Afton Township Annual Meeting for Tuesday, April 9, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Schramm. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Afton Township Annual Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elva Town Hall, 16029 Walker Drive, DeKalb IL.

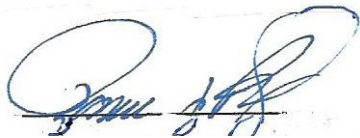
17. Adjourn

A motion was made by Julie Barr to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Schramm. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherry Hellmuth,
Afton Township Clerk



Randall Bourdages
Moderator, 2023 Afton Township Annual Meeting