

**MINUTES
AFTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Afton Township Board was convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at the Elva Town Hall, 16029 Walker Drive, DeKalb, with Supervisor Randall Bourdages presiding.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Supervisor Bourdages called the meeting to order with the Salute to the Flag by requesting all in attendance to stand for The Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

The roll call was conducted by Clerk Matekaitis; Supervisor Randall Bourdages, Highway Commissioner Nelson Hillquist, Trustees Eric Christensen, Craig Donnelly, Jack Walker, and Julie Barr were all present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The July 8, 2025, meeting agenda was provided via email on July 5 to all members of the board and was posted at the Elva Town Hall. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Christensen and was seconded by Trustee Donnelly. Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The draft of the June 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes was provided via email to all members of the board on June 12. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Walker and was seconded by Trustee Christensen. The motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Supervisor Bourdages provided copies of the July check register, current month's expense report, and balance sheet for both the township and road district. All expenses in each report were reviewed and briefly discussed.

A motion to approve the Afton Township Expense report was made by Trustee Barr and was seconded by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed by roll call vote. A motion to approve the Afton Township Road & Bridge District Fund Expense Report was made by Trustee Walker and was seconded by Trustee Barr. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bourdages
Trustee Barr
Trustee Christensen
Trustee Donnelly
Trustee Walker

Road District Claims

Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>

Township Claims

Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>

CEMETERY

Fallen tree was removed from the property.

PUBLIC FORUM

Peg Carroll signed in to address the meeting. She questioned whether emails from the web site were successfully received by Township Supervisor. She also suggested the board consider establishing a commissioner position for the cemetery to address questions and concerns in a timely manner. Board indicated they will consider and report back.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Five ideas for a new Afton logo design were shared by Supervisor Bourdages. The board was asked to consider these five and other modifications to these five so that discussion can take place at August meeting.
- B. Kitchen cabinets are on hold until the septic work is further along.
- C. Township policies are under review and will be shared at a future meeting.
- D. Intergovernmental agreement with DeKalb had been reviewed earlier. Motion by Trustee Christensen to approve the agreement and was seconded by Trustee Walker. All approved by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing new to consider

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Septic and Well Committee reported that they are waiting on a quote for septic. The Emergency Warning committee made several calls to county offices and are waiting for replies back to move forward to the next step. Broadband Committee has elected a leader and secretary and assigned tasks to members, more to report next meeting.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor's Report – Any updates were reported along with earlier items on the agenda.

Highway Commissioner's Report – Continue with mowing ditches, many pleased with appearance of the ditches. Some progress on salt shed.

Clerk's Report – Report on training in Cordova, IL for new Township Clerks. Ideas for newsletter opt-in and assembling by the board following a meeting. Posting at 3 locations for annual meeting, not including web site. All required to complete OMA and FOIA training by mid-August and provide certificate of completion to the Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Walker to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Trustee Barr, with all in favor. The Regular Meeting of the Afton Township Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Matekaitis, Afton Township Clerk