

**MINUTES
AFTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Afton Township Board was convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 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

August 12, 2025, meeting agenda was provided via email on July 5 to all members of the board and was posted at the Elva Town Hall. Supervisor Bourdages amended the agenda to add an item under New Business. The additional item was a resolution for Township Road District employee health insurance coverage. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Trustee Barr and was seconded by Trustee Walker. Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The draft of July 8, 2025, regular meeting minutes was provided via email to all members of the board on August 8. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Christensen and was seconded by Trustee Donnelly. The motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Supervisor Bourdages provided copies of the August 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 in the amount of **\$15,513.24** was made by Trustee Christensen and was seconded by Trustee Walker. Motion passed by roll call vote. A motion to approve the Afton Township Road & Bridge District Fund Expense in the amount of **\$2,803.87** was made by Trustee Walker and was seconded by Trustee Barr. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

	<u>Road District Claims</u>		<u>Township Claims</u>	
Supervisor Bourdages	Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Trustee Barr	Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Trustee Christensen	Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Trustee Donnelly	Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Trustee Walker	Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>

CEMETERY

PUBLIC FORUM

Steve Doty signed in to address the meeting. Steve is with the Dekalb County Soil and Water Conservation District. The federal funding was decreased significantly and so each member of the Conservation team agreed to petition their home township for a contribution. Supervisor Bourdages thanked Steve for the

information and suggested it would be part of the agenda and discussion at the September meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Modifications to Afton logo design were shared by Supervisor Bourdages. Two designs were selected. Supervisor Bourdages will bring final versions of these two to next meeting.
- B. Kitchen cabinets are on hold for septic and septic work should be done week of August 18.
- C. Township policies are still under review.
- D. Update on Red Maple Solar. The work should begin in 2026 in Afton.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2025-26 A004 Septic System Replacement reviewed. Motion to approve from Trustee Christensen, seconded by Supervisor Bourdages. All in favor by roll call vote.
- B. Resolution 2025-26 A005 Afton Road District employee health insurance was reviewed. Motion to approve from Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Christensen. All in favor by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Septic and Well Committee work is related to the quote in hand for septic work. Emergency Warning committee in process of making several more calls. Broadband Committee has done some research, Randy suggested they contact County for information on broadband work done by County. Nothing new on building.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

Highway Commissioner's Report – Calcium Chloride scheduled for application on certain roads, beginning tomorrow. Results of OSHA review all good.

Clerk's Report –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 Barr to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Trustee Walker, with all in favor. The Regular Meeting of the Afton Township Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Matekaitis, Afton Township Clerk