

**MINUTES
AFTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Afton Township Board was convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 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

September 9, 2025, meeting agenda was provided via email to all members on September 5 and was posted at the Elva Town Hall. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Trustee Christensen and was seconded by Trustee Donnelly. Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Supervisor Bourdages provided copies of the September 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 Road District Expense in the amount of **\$3279.42** was made by Trustee Walker and was seconded by Trustee Donnelly. Motion passed by roll call vote. A motion to approve the Afton Township Expense in the amount of **\$20,823.37** 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 – no update

PUBLIC FORUM

Stan Doty signed in to address the meeting again, similar to August meeting. Stan is with the Dekalb County Soil and Water Conservation District and reiterated the need for financial support. Supervisor Bourdages said he'll speak with Township attorney and, if appropriate to consider, can consider with 2026 budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Modifications to Afton logo design were again shared by Supervisor Bourdages. Color, border, and shape were discussed. Motion to approve red/brown silo and green text was made by Trustee

- Donnelly and seconded by Trustee Barr. Motion approved by voice vote.
- B. Septic work discussed and additional considerations (electric) still being reviewed.
 - C. Township policies are still under review and tied to results of recently completed Township audit.
 - D. Update on Red Maple Solar. The work should begin in 2026 in Afton.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Supervisor Bourdages provided hard copy of Afton Annual Financial Report, including form completed for State of Illinois. Will include in next month's agenda for approval. Results of audit were positive, with a few suggested enhancements for the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The Septic and Well Committee work was discussed, and more information on costs and options to be provided at October meeting.
- Emergency Warning committee contacted Dekalb County and is now in process of making several more calls and gathering information about cost estimates.
- Broadband Committee did contact Dekalb County and plans to reach back out to Meta for assistance.
- Building Committee has six members and will start meeting in September/October.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

Highway Commissioner's Report –

Striping of roads is starting next month (McGirr and Keslinger). Sign request belongs to DeKalb County and they are aware and doing necessary follow-up studies.

Clerk's Report –All members have completed OMA and FOIA training. They have their certificate of completion and will provide copy 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 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Matekaitis, Afton Township Clerk