

**MINUTES  
AFTON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 10, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Afton Township Board was convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at the Afton Township Hall with Supervisor Randall Bourdages presiding.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Supervisor Bourdages called the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The February 10, 2026, meeting agenda was provided via email and was posted at the Afton Town Hall. A motion to approve the modified agenda was made by Trustee Barr and was seconded by Trustee Walker. Motion passed by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The draft of January 13, 2025, regular meeting minutes was emailed earlier. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Christensen, seconded by Trustee Donnelly. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Supervisor Bourdages provided copies of the January check register, the current month's expense report, and the 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 **\$6,398.96** was made by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Barr. Motion passed by roll call vote.

A motion to approve the Afton Township Expense in the amount of **\$12,245.18** was made by Trustee Walker and was seconded by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed by roll call vote.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Road District</b>			<b>Claims</b>			<b>Township Claims</b>		
Supervisor Bourdages	Yes	X	No	Yes	X	No	Yes	X	No
Trustee Barr	Yes	X	No	Yes	X	No	Yes	X	No
Trustee Christensen	Yes	X	No	Yes	X	No	Yes	X	No
Trustee Donnelly	Yes	X	No	Yes	X	No	Yes	X	No
Trustee Walker	Yes	X	No	Yes	X	No	Yes	X	No

**CEMETERY**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one present

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Kitchen Project- Tankless Water Heater electrical service. Mariotti Electric Company will complete the new electrical panel that will provide service to the new Tankless Water Heater by next week. The county inspector will be out to inspect in a couple of weeks.
- B. I have reached out to Kuhn Plumbing, and Bryan is on vacation. When he returns, his plan is to come to the building, assess the leak in the crawl space, and determine what will be needed to disconnect the old hot water tank and run new waterlines to the tankless water heater. Most likely, they will be digging up here at the back of the building to determine where this may be.
- C. 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration- Supervisor Bourdages reported that he will be meeting with Superintendent Terry

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Hannon of the Afton Forest Preserve next week. He will propose the Movie in the Park concept plan. He mentioned this would have to go before his board for final approval, but he was interested in the plan. The tentative plan is to install a portable screen in the large field and invite food truck vendors, face painters, and the local church, which is planning to serve popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Well Agreement Clarification by Township Attorney- Supervisor Bourdages had the township attorney review the Well Agreement. Matt Waters concluded that Mr. Hilleson cannot remove or disconnect the township from the well unless a user is delinquent on payment. The township issued a \$500 bond in 2016 for 10 years to cover the annual \$50 fee. So, the township is not delinquent. If any additional concerns arise, the attorney will issue a letter to the owner of the well. It was discussed that the township is planning not to install a new well.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- The Septic and Well Committee had no update.
- The Emergency Warning committee had no update.
- The Broadband Committee had no update.
- The Building Committee – The building committee has completed its mission and has provided enough information to the Road Commissioner, so he is able to move forward on a new building plan.

**REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Supervisor's Report**

**Website Domain and Email Configuration – Meeting Summary**

Met with Dave from Armor on Friday for approximately 1 hour to review and resolve issues with the township website domain and email configuration. During the meeting, email setup and forwarding issues were clarified. It was determined that email accounts should be configured in the Outlook application rather than the web portal to prevent forwarding access issues. Dave explained that major email providers such as Gmail and Hotmail are increasingly filtering or abandoning messages when domains generate high volumes of spam. This can result in legitimate township emails being blocked or sent to spam folders. To improve reliability and maintain the township website, a maintenance agreement with Armor has been established at \$100 per month. The clerk is not a secretary, so we need additional services. This agreement will provide dedicated time for website updates and data entry services. It was noted that the current website contains content dating back to June 2000 through 2023, and much of the information is outdated. A priority moving forward will be to review, update, and reorganize website content so that the site reflects current information, services, and township activities

**Highway Commissioner's Report**

No update.

**Clerk's Report**

The clerk was absent from the meeting as she was on vacation. The supervisor took the meeting minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee Barr to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Trustee Donnelly, with all in favor. The Regular Meeting of the Afton Township Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Bourdages, Supervisor, took minutes for  
Leslie Matekaitis, Afton Township Clerk