

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ATHENS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 3, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Herb Scott, Deputy Mayor Anne Marie Dancy
Councillors Darin Alguire, Todd Evans, Greg Kearney,
Rob Layng, Matt Smith

STAFF PRESENT Darlene Noonan, CAO/Clerk Treasurer
Chris Fenlong, Road Superintendent
Gerry Bell, Fire Chief

ALSO PRESENT Sally Smid

CALL TO ORDER

- H. Scott – call to order

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- D. Noonan – Cornfest under #10

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- None -

MINUTES

MOVED BY R. LAYNG

SECONDED BY T. EVANS

THAT Council approve the minutes of February 10, 2025 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- D. Noonan – pumper sale has been completed.
- D. Noonan – Live Barn – up and running
- D. Noonan – 4H Club – had a meeting in office, they will get back to us once they know how many volunteers they will have and what they will be able to take on. They will be looking after the community vegetable garden at the works garage.
- D. Noonan – out of town levies at Centre '76 – reviewed area arenas, we are well in line and one of the simplest systems in place.

DELEGATION(S)

- None -

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

MOVED BY T. EVANS

SECONDED BY R. LAYNG

THAT Council approve the accounts for payment as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- **CAO** – preliminary 2025 budget with 2024 budget vs. actual
 1. Members agree – H. Scott is to check on fleet pricing for truck at county – yes – C. Fenlong to deliver specs in morning to H. Scott
 2. D. Noonan inquire - Order truck C. Fenlong? If county pricing fails within a week to ten days? - yes
 3. Budget - get floor pricing upstairs
 4. Budget increase – go up to 6% bring back
- **CAO** – request from bingo organization(s) – request for permanent storage of machine upstairs. A. Dancy and D. Alguire to take request to JBC/PAC for discussion and bring back.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Wilkinson & Company – 2024 audit and financial statement engagement letter approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Cornfest had a good meeting Feb. 27th – they will have a full complement of members and volunteers – also requesting move to Centennial Park – all agreed this is a good idea and approve the move – T. Evans - 22 potential members and volunteers – D. Noonan questioned in past there was a grant to Cornfest (was not in 2024) - put the \$1200 back in the budget to Cornfest.

PLANNING

- None -

BY-LAWS

MOVED BY T. EVANS

SECONDED BY M. SMITH

THAT Council introduce and read a first and second time bylaws to appoint a CBO for the Township of Athens and to enter into an agreement with the Thousand Islands ATV Club.

CARRIED

MOVED BY G. KEARNEY

SECONDED A. DANCY

THAT Council read a third time and finally pass bylaws to appoint a CBO for the Township of Athens and to enter into an agreement with the Thousand Islands ATV Club. Signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and numbered #'s 2025-06 & 2025-07. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

S. Smid – CBO is who? G. Bell – Cornfest, how many? Uncertain as yet – JBC - can't do the floor it's heritage designation? D. Noonan - it is recognized as having heritage significance but not designated or plaqued heritage so would not restrict upgrades.

QUERIES AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

– **G. Bell** – CBO side - first two courses complete legal written last week small building 3rd week of March, rolling along as planned.

- Fire side - application for new recruits got 6 applications will go through the hiring committee maybe 4 to pick and let you know when passed through.

- Enbridge grant applied - \$3,500 approved to get new gas monitoring equipment – the OFM grant towards cancer prevention equipment should be in end of the month.

- **C. Fenlong** – nothing

- **R. Layng** – nothing

- **M. Smith** – repair on rink for the brine leak, how has it been going? - assume good have had no reports.

- Kraft Hockeyville closed now – see where we end up, a couple videos overhead shot of rink former Aeros made that at no charge, 40,000 views on Facebook, that's a big push, a lot of story submissions, last look we ended up with approx. 2000 points, do know checked Trenton to Cornwall and Ottawa and no one close but its Canada wide.

– Good job to works department in February long days

– H. Scott - on behalf of all of us thank you M. Smith for what you did spearheading Hockeyville application.

- **T. Evans** – nothing

- **G. Kearney** – leaving March 15th should be back for Council April 14th

- **A. Dancy** – leaving Thursday March 6th returning March 23rd

- **D. Alguire** – nothing

- **D. Noonan** – Annual truck show will be at Tackaberry's, not Centennial Park

- **H. Scott** – Saturday resident came with cheque for \$50,000 for Mapleview Lodge at \$2.5 million not counting the \$50,000 and another \$10,000 from two former members.
- We have later this month a meeting to look and explore existing building at Mapleview and will be looking at whatever options there are, building is 92% complete – on time and on budget and finding staff a bit of an issue working away on it.
- another thing if you noticed in library report Councillor Layng had 14 hours commitment here and that’s great.
- Would like to establish that everyone is on the same page that when G. Bell takes over CBO – the FD rescue vehicle will be for use for inspections, rather than paying mileage for his personal/own truck – understanding if on an inspection and a fire call comes in that is first priority and the truck shifts to the fire call or first response call – the truck remains at the hall at night, it is for daytime business hour use – yes everyone agrees this is the understanding

NOTICE OF MOTION

- None -

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY A. DANCY

SECONDED BY G. KEARNEY

THAT there being no further business this meeting of Council adjourn at 8:20 p.m., Council to meet again Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm or sooner at the call of the Mayor. **CARRIED**

MAYOR

CLERK