

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ATHENS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Herb Scott, Deputy Mayor Darin Alguire
Councillors Anne Marie Dancy, 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 Elizabeth Earl, Margaret Rusland, Sally Smid,
Roger Kelsey, Matt Ferguson

CALL TO ORDER

- H. Scott – call to order

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- None –

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- None -

MINUTES

MOVED BY R. LAYNG

SECONDED BY M. SMITH

THAT Council approve the minutes of December 16th 2024 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- D. Alguire – pumper - was told verbally it was sold and interested, however hasn't happened so going back on Gov deals.

- A. Dancy – update with Front of Yonge and Leeder's block – H. Scott - Thursday afternoon R. Haley, J. Ault, D. Noonan and H. Scott will meet to discuss, hope to come to common ground. – D. Noonan - will send the outcome of the discussion to all of Council prior to sending any correspondence to users, property owners or parks personnel.

- A. Dancy – To G. Bell - is there a completion date for the courses? – G. Bell - February 2nd – that will be the certified one to do homes, then many more to take following that–

- H. Scott – Christmas decoration contest – wonder and question the format of voting– one vote per household.

DELEGATION(S)

- **M. Ferguson & R. Kelsey** – 2025 insurance renewal – proposal review – read and over view – 3.5% increase. - R. Layng – underground drainage for Township. – M. Ferguson - liability coverage – if there isn't an exclusion, will confirm. - T. Evans – Cornfest. – M. Ferguson - can be if become a Committee of Council, formally state they are a Committee of Council, sign off on operations and people, Council Rep on it and take over their budget and all finances. - H. Scott - thank you for coming and low increase – how many years? - R. Kelsey - 56 years.

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

- None -

CORRESPONDENCE

- None -

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None –

PLANNING

- None -

BY-LAWS

MOVED BY T. EVANS

SECONDED BY M. SMITH

THAT Council introduce and read a first and second time bylaws to authorize annual borrowing, enter into an agreement for a cemetery caretaker, establish fees for the administration of the building code act and to amend zoning bylaw 2013-10, as amended.

CARRIED

MOVED BY A. DANCY

SECONDED BY G. KEARNEY

THAT Council read a third time and finally pass bylaws to authorize annual borrowing, enter into an agreement for a cemetery caretaker, establish fees for the administration of the building code act and to amend zoning bylaw 2013-10, as amended. Signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and numbered #'s 2025-01, 2025-02, 2025-03 and 2025-04.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- E. Earl – zoning and rezoning if Lions to build a building beside has to come to Council?
–yes.

QUERIES AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

– **G. Bell** – awards banquet Saturday - chiefs meeting last week main topic end of life for radios 2026, officers meeting Wednesday night and budget and a few changes to operations and CO awareness starting with fire prevention team.

- **C. Fenlong** – nothing

- **R. Layng** – property owner on Sarah Street with water issues – 2 weeks ago melt and then couple days of rain, – minute and a half sump pump running vs. 15 seconds before it's still a problem. R. Layng - contacted by local resident on County Road 5, severances driveway separation – 150 Metres and called County and told from planning department decision was made rules and regs and that's county roads – can that be appealed? - it can be to the director of planning. – H. Scott – Wednesday he talked to County Staff in the case of the one application, if they shared entrance, they will grant the severance, the other application isn't the same or can't – only opportunity is to appeal to the director.

- **M. Smith** – any grants available for outdoor recreation – outdoor rink – D. Noonan - advised years ago a group came forward and a small grant was given, but it didn't go anywhere. M. Smith – pickle ball in the summer if there was an outdoor cement pad – dual purpose if we can make it happen. – M. Smith - Kraft Hockeyville – if your rink wins you get \$250,000 in upgrades so Centre '76 is in there and 2nd and 3rd is \$25,000 submit photos and stories it's Canada wide it's in there based on points. Aeros, as of yesterday first in their division hasn't happened for quite some time.

- **T. Evans** - live barn– D. Noonan - explained equipment on site, waiting on them to install and tutorial. T. Evans - Thanks to C. Fenlong for parking lot for bonfire, great night – job well done – Fibe still going in Beales Mills working there.

- **G. Kearney** - lot we have on Henry Street – sitting there should we sell it just sitting there not doing much.

- **A. Dancy** – nothing

- **D. Alguire** – nothing

- **H. Scott** – County starts budget tomorrow, right now looking at 5.11% increase – at food bank and talking to treasurer – food bank 66 hampers for Christmas. Westport put a notice of motion at last meeting and they want to withdraw from the County. - County will be 175 years young this year – will have different things going on and celebrations – Mapleview Lodge is 89% complete and on time and on budget and is a large part of contingency left – hired Bell Canada to provide television for rooms and was going to cost resident \$20 a month to have basic channels then hooked up to 6 big screen tv’s in common room.
– R. Layng – old section any decisions yet? – H. Scott – no, all options still on the table.

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOVED BY D. ALGUIRE

SECONDED BY A. DANCY

THAT Council close the regular meeting and enter in camera at 8:10 p.m., for discussion regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees. **CARRIED**

MOVED BY G. KEARNEY

SECONDED BY A. DANCY

THAT Council close the in-camera meeting that was for discussion regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local employees at 8:40 p.m., and re-enter regular open meeting. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY A. DANCY

SECONDED BY D. ALGUIRE

THAT there being no further business this meeting of Council adjourn at 8:50 p.m., Council to meet again Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm or sooner at the call of the Mayor. **CARRIED**

MAYOR

CLERK