

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ATHENS  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**      Deputy Mayor Matt Smith  
Councillors Darin Alguire, Anne Marie Dancy, Todd Evans,  
Rob Layng

**REGRETS**      Mayor Herb Scott, Councillor Greg Kearney

**STAFF PRESENT**      Darlene Noonan, CAO/Clerk Treasurer  
Chris Fenlong, Director of Public Works  
Gerry Bell, CBO/Fire Chief

**ALSO PRESENT**      Margaret Rusland, Sally Smid

**CALL TO ORDER**

- M. Smith – called meeting to order.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- D. Noonan passed along regrets from H. Scott and G. Kearney

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- None -

**MINUTES**

**MOVED BY A. DANCY**

**SECONDED BY D. ALGUIRE**

THAT Council approve the minutes of September 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 meetings as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

– D. Alguire – to G. Bell- rescue truck – have a lead – next meeting  
– D. Alguire – to C. Fenlong – Water Street turn out? - C. Fenlong - had to put a gutter in should have paved today but behind schedule.  
- A. Dancy – to C. Fenlong - update on Pineview – yes, stop sign Thursday or Friday this week.  
- R. Layng – to G. Bell – tanker - passed safety \$1,000 compared to original quote of \$30,000– however, have to have strong hold on steering wheel on highway shakes bad. – R. Layng - head gasket was on that list, it would limit power wise, no get up and go maybe get it done, and obviously something in front end happening.  
– R. Layng - to C. Fenlong - new works department truck – going Thursday to get new harness on it.  
- T. Evans – about Remembrance Day, sidewalk painting at Memorial Park – D. Noonan has reached out to D. Sheridan, no reply will continue to seek out.

**DELEGATION(S)**

- None -

**PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**MOVED BY D. ALGUIRE**

**SECONDED BY A. DANCY**

THAT Council approve the accounts for payment as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

- CAO – 2025 budget vs. YTD

- CAO – Veterans Banners - overwhelming response will be looking to expand in 2026

- CBO – YTD building activity – G. Bell - going well

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- LEEDS County OPP Detachment Board – FYI

- Wilkinson – 2024 audited statements filed

- EEC – request for use of JBC and waive of fee

**MOVED BY A. DANCY**

**SECONDED BY D. ALGUIRE**

**THAT** Council approve the request of the EEC to waive the fee for use of the JBC.

**CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

JPCPAC - A. Dancy - entry basement cleaning and garbage bin- bin is there – cleaning and painting before yearend.

- T. Evans – JBC floor – D. Alguire - talked about a split but never proceeded – everyone using come on and put new floor in – T. Evans - still looking at it? D. Alguire - we could if you'd like to bring it back – to Lions Club and Ladies Aux. – T. Evans - will take it there.

## **PLANNING**

**MOVED BY R. LAYNG**

**SECONDED BY T. EVANS**

**THAT** Council approve land division applications B-74-25 (Brayton) & B-85-25 (Heffernan).

**CARRIED**

## **BY-LAWS**

**MOVED BY T. EVANS**

**SECONDED BY R. LAYNG**

**THAT** Council introduce and read a first and second time a bylaw to allocate 2025 budgeted revenue to reserves.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED BY R. LAYNG**

**SECONDED BY T. EVANS**

**THAT** Council read a third time and finally pass a bylaw to allocate 2025 budgeted revenue to reserves, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and numbered 2025-14.

**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

- M. Rusland - banners look good – free brush – D. Noonan advised it's been posted for a couple of weeks, starts soon until mid-November.

## **QUERIES AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL**

- **D. Alguire** – to C. Fenlong – transfer site – bees prominent anything can be done around bins – plastic especially. – C. Fenlong - nothing they are bad everywhere this year. D. Alguire - transfer site – kitty litter bags in ash pile and not reading signs. C. Fenlong – staff told to keep an eye, pay more attention, will definitely keep an eye on it. D. Alguire – call last week regards to WETT certification and knew of anyone – D. Noonan – we refer them to their insurance company.

- **A. Dancy** – Light up the Township - start after November 11<sup>th</sup>.

- **T. Evans** – nothing

- **R. Layng** – nothing

- **G. Bell** – old rescue what direction to take to deal with it? A couple other surplus items as well – D. Noonan - there is a protocol provide the information and we will get them posted. G. Bell – meeting with frontline for upgrade of radios from county update next month – Cancer Prevention grant submitted – and tanker – opinion, never really retrofitted properly at the start always patched together and now more money on it – this hasn't been Council's direction in the past but we will be 8 years before we get a new one based on reserves – would you be interested in leasing? – will get more info and wanted to see interest and will gather info – it and would better serve Township and long run save the

Township money – M. Smith - a pieced together truck and \$30,000 makes no sense to me – G. Bell - will get leasing options and report back – R. Layng - let's get age of all trucks have a good understanding of our needs, do we have a price on a new tanker – G. Bell - \$525K - \$575K.

- C. Fenlong - Reid Street drain repaired, concrete culvert one half offset and not getting flow rate and someone 50 years ago looks like, someone tried to tile into side of concrete and now fixed and running it's still going to back up.

- A. Dancy - setup for that drain report review? – C. Fenlong – yes, soon – will send email take an hour to review.

- M. Smith – in past has the Township ever done a business of the year? – Chamber of Commerce did years ago, Council since, no - how do you decide?

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**- None -**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY T. EVANS**

**SECONDED BY R. LAYNG**

**THAT** there being no further business this meeting of Council adjourn at 7:45 p.m., Council to meet again Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7:00 pm or sooner at the call of the **CARRIED**  
Mayor.

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**