

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ATHENS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

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

REGRETS Mayor Herb Scott, Councillor Darin Alguire

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

ALSO PRESENT Margaret Rusland, Elizabeth Earl, Eric Oosterhof and 5
grade six members of the Athens Christian Cadet Club

CALL TO ORDER

- Acting Deputy Mayor A. Dancy – call to order, welcomed E. Oosterhof and 5 cadets

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Regrets Mayor Scott, Councillor Alguire

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- None -

MINUTES

MOVED BY T. EVANS

SECONDED BY R. LAYNG

THAT Council approve the minutes of January 12, 2026 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- None –

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** – Budget Meeting/Council meeting dates - Tuesday April 21st tentative date for budget.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Athens CRC Christian Cadet Club** – attending meeting as part of Citizenship badge.

- **B. Seed** – South Crosby School requesting rental fee be waived for 5 hours of ice time – not waived but reduced rate – all schools \$78.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- R. Layng - budget received from Heritage Committee? – No, just the email regarding software rec'd.

PLANNING

- None -

BY-LAWS

MOVED BY M. SMITH

SECONDED BY T. EVANS

THAT Council introduce and read a first and second time bylaws to set interim tax rates for 2026 and establish penalty and interest; and to enter into a tiered response agreement with UCLG. **CARRIED**

MOVED BY R. LAYNG

SECONDED BY M. SMITH

THAT Council read a third time and finally pass bylaws to set interim tax rates for 2026 and establish penalty and interest; and to enter into a tiered response agreement with UCLG. Signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and numbered #'s 2026-04 and 2026-05.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- E. Oosterhof – this is one cadre group – we range from grade 4 – grade 8, these guys are grade 6 we have 24 boys in that range, we are missing 1 from this group. We are here to achieve citizenship badge - come to a Council meeting and observe. – R. Layng – tell us what the badges mean. – the boys reviewed what badges they have received. – E. Oosterhof has been a leader for 13 years. – T. Evans - has a legion meeting in Lyndhurst on Sunday and invite to attend in delta if interested. E. Oosterhof - Thursdays 7-9 they meet – the group advised events they have planned and coming up in the near future.

QUERIES AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

- **G. Kearney** – property on Main Street - Put in on next meeting – R. Layng - should do something with it.

- **R. Layng** – reminder heritage Sheatown presentation in JBC with Paul Cote March 14th. R. Layng - Lions Club 65th Anniversary May 9th, drop in at JBC. R. Layng – Centre ‘76 – 50 years, any thoughts on that? - and receiving great comments for C. Fenlong and A. Sargent for snow removal and sidewalks and clearing.

- **M. Smith** – good job C. Fenlong and A. Sargent

- **T. Evans** – kudos to C. Fenlong and A. Sargent – pretty bad weather – how many times cleaned main drag? – C. Fenlong - 6 times – cost savings? \$15,000 so far – could we have discussion about a backhoe again please?

- **G. Kearney** - over by the high school can we blow the street, getting narrow where buses park, it was sidewalk and elevated and bank is quite wide there.

– **T. Evans** – in fall made changes at Pineview and George Street any complaints since stop sign there? – C. Fenlong - first snow, both signs went missing, but everything seems to be going well.

- **M. Smith** –carbon monoxide at another arena, wanted to make sure we have monitoring in place. - yes

- **C. Fenlong** – nothing

- **G. Bell** – new tanker in service, thank you again for pushing it through, great addition – posted and closed today sale of old tanker and one bidder so it went at \$12,500. Posted for one officer position at fire hall promoting a fire fighter - one new recruit stepped away for family reasons, so down to 25 members. – looking at new additions at hall and ideas, invite Council to stop in and look at what’s going on and what we are looking at in future. – T. Evans – tanker last meeting - discussed drivers G. Bell, K. Hartley and T. Evans will be signing members off on tanker with driving experience and put them through all vehicles to be competent to drive. – A. Dancy – before budget meeting maybe we could all meet at fire hall to have a look.

- **D. Noonan** – nothing

- **A. Dancy** – C. Fenlong and A. Sargent, kudos. - G. Tackaberry & Family Home mind blowing how beautiful it is, very proud to have it here in our Township, beautiful spot for our seniors – don't have staff so don't have a move in date – probably March now pushed from February 17th.

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOVED BY T. EVANS

SECONDED BY G. KEARNEY

THAT Council close the regular open meeting at 7:40 p.m. to enter in camera as per S. 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, for personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. **CARRIED**

MOVED BY G. KEARNEY

SECONDED BY T. EVANS

THAT Council close the in camera meeting at 8:43 p.m., which was for personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and return to regular open meeting. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY T. EVANS

SECONDED BY G. KEARNEY

THAT there being no further business this meeting of Council adjourn at 8:48 p.m., Council to meet again Monday, March 9th, 2026 at 7:00 pm or sooner at the call of the Mayor. **CARRIED**

MAYOR

CLERK