

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Mayor Herb Scott  
Councillors Todd Evans, Greg Kearney,  
Rob Layng, Matt Smith

**REGRETS** Councillors Darin Alguire, Anne Marie Dancy

**STAFF PRESENT** Darlene Noonan, CAO/Clerk Treasurer  
Gerry Bell, Fire Chief

**ALSO PRESENT** Irene, Kristen and Jessica Ireland, Sherry Reed,  
Mark Pergunas, Elizabeth Earl, Rebecca Meier

**CALL TO ORDER**

- **H. Scott** - thanked everyone who filled in during his absence and welcome M. Pergunas former Front of Yonge Reeve.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- None -

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- T. Evans - AVFD #9

**MINUTES**

**MOVED BY G. KEARNEY**

**SECONDED BY M. SMITH**

**THAT** Council approve the minutes of February 9, 2026 meeting as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- T. Evans - CO at arena? - yes there are bells and whistles and alarms

**DELEGATION(S)**

- None -

**PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**MOVED BY T. EVANS**

**SECONDED BY G. KEARNEY**

**THAT** Council approve the accounts for payment as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

- **CAO** – Leeder’s Block proposal has been entered on the Environmental registry with 45 days to comment - comment opposition on behalf of Council.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- CAO – G. Tackaberry & Sons – annual quote – 5/8” crusher run Gran M Stone

**MOVED BY G. KEARNEY**

**SECONDED BY T. EVANS**

**THAT** Council accept and approve the quote from G. Tackaberry and Sons Construction Co. Ltd. For 2026 delivery to Township roads – 5/8” crusher run granular M stone.

**CARRIED**

- **AVFD** – request for donation towards annual awards dinner - ½ is \$2000 – all in favour.

- **S. & R. Reed** - neighbouring property owner(s) have been contacted to see if they would like to acquire their ½.

**MOVED BY M. SMITH**

**SECONDED BY R. LAYNG**

**THAT** Council approve the request from Sherry and Robert Reed to stop up, close and sell that portion of William Street adjacent pt lot 29/30, plan 103 Charleston Village, owner to pay all surveying and transfer of the property.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- None -

**PLANNING**

- None -

**BY-LAWS**

**MOVED BY M. SMITH**

**SECONDED BY R. LAYNG**

**THAT** Council introduce and read a first and second time bylaws to enter into an agreement with G. Tackaberry & Sons, and to allocate 2025 yearend surplus(s) to reserves.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED BY M. SMITH**

**SECONDED BY T. EVANS**

**THAT** Council read a third time and finally pass bylaws to enter into an agreement with G. Tackaberry & Sons, and to allocate 2025 yearend surplus(s) to reserves. Signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and numbered #'s 2026-06 and 2026-07.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

- None -

**QUERIES AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL**

**G. Bell** – nothing

**R. Layng** – opportunity to tour fire hall a couple weeks ago, very tight now with all the equipment. I didn't realize how tight but to get around the size is different now and concern about the ambulance service in the shed – they get a call go up the hill into that unit and it

is cold and tight and a lot of ice and snow there, outside the door was glare ice. G. Bell - met with J. Carrs at EMS and agreed to move, he was fine with it.

- R. Layng - also met with B. Fenlong at the arena last Thursday night, big well and small well – big one quit and had to get plumber and that's a sign of it starting to go both pumps are ten years old or more replace in the spring, also cut holes in time keeper's box. Saturday afternoon the septic system backed up, called Campbells and baffles were plugged into first tank and worked it back and forth and plunged and all good – cables on front doors changing every 3 weeks, thinks he has found proper cables – 50 HP compressor has a leak in the seal and new seal to be put in should get a quote.

- **M. Smith** – deposit for condenser? Ordered? - yes

- **T. Evans** – G. Bell and T. Evans – taking drivers through new tanker, we have 10 eligible and signed off and G. Bell has the list, eventually have everyone drive it, the new tanker is a lot bigger.

- **G. Kearney** – rink – heaters – M. King will work with what we have – rather than ordering new.

- **H. Scott** – speed sign lights – batteries - don't know – C. Fenlong?

- **R. Layng** – heritage budget – E. Earl – explained past perfect digital software discussed – although committee approved budget, purchases shouldn't be made until Council approves budget, and not recommended to be USA purchasing annual commitment and hosting also quite a lot.

- **D. Noonan** – nothing

- **H. Scott** – Mapleview Lodge – G. Tackaberry received a cheque from D. Haynes for \$10,000 American converts to just under \$15,000. Over the \$3 million mandate but still some other avenues to go through. – when we are getting residents in can't tell you – it's close and then they move the date, everyone is working as hard as they can. – county approved a quote from Mississauga \$5 daycare and that's in the works along with 60 residents as of now will have a choice 192 new plus 60 existing and 245 on waiting list and everything moving along pretty well – Quaker cemetery - asking staff to cut tree in the middle, it's dead but leave the stump flat and solid, I am going to do some trimming on my own to make it better. – Steamfair chainsaw guy to make a statue of a Quaker Minister to put on top of the stump.

- **R. Layng** – Mapleview 192 plus the 60 residents in the old building are staying? – another study was going to be \$25 million to convert Mapleview to a Valleyview, new CAO and he said why don't you leave it where it is and have the 252 beds. – R. Layng - employees? H. Scott - we pay to keep them.

**H. Scott** – looking at maybe a big chair on the end of Charleston dock for pictures etc.. lag it to the dock.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**MOVED BY M. SMITH**

**SECONDED BY R. LAYNG**

**THAT** Council close the regular open meeting at 7:35 p.m. for personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. **CARRIED**

**MOVED BY R. LAYNG**

**SECONDED BY M. SMITH**

**THAT** Council close the in camera meeting at 8:15 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 M. SMITH**

**THAT** there being no further business this meeting of Council adjourn at 8:20 p.m., Council to meet again Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 pm or sooner at the call of the Mayor. **CARRIED**

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**