

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ATHENS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 13, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Herb Scott
Councillors Darin Alguire, Anne Marie Dancy,
Rob Layng

REGRETS Deputy Mayor Todd Evans
Councillors Greg Kearney, Matt Smith

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

ALSO PRESENT Margaret Rusland, Carter King, Elizabeth Earl

CALL TO ORDER

- H. Scott – called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- H. Scott - #15 in camera for a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- None -

MINUTES

MOVED BY A. DANCY

SECONDED BY R. LAYNG

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

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- D. Alguire – to R. Layng - clarification about Centre ‘76 big well/small well – R. Layng
- 2 wells, one has 1.5 hp and other one ¾ hp both pumps are ten plus years old going to replace them this summer, submergible pumps in the wells. D. Alguire - Seal quote? – R. Layng - no – no quotes yet, not a huge expense not a big job.

DELEGATION(S)

- C. King – Horse-A-Rama - requesting 40’ x 40’ extension of panels at the corral on either side of the shoot - not touching the track just on the edge - attempting to add safety, we have doubled competitors and a lot of people and a lot of horses they go in those rings nowhere to go but in the shoot and into the arena – D. Alguire - panels can be removed for Farmersville? – C. King - yes they could but we have been invited and will be at Farmersville - but footings will remain and they want to build up to ground level – the long weekend last year we had 100 horses so it is setup right now – footings will require to level stone dust and sand fill in water hole. – H. Scott – problem to block the track – C. King – it doesn’t block it, it’s not on the track but right to the edge. – H. Scott - what about on the south side – C. King - doesn’t work, there are a multitude of horses there, have to enter top end to get run at barrels. - Council is good providing it doesn’t conflict or impact the track, but strongly suggest to meet with Farmersville committee and confirm – In the meantime Council will all have a look and email and report back if they feel it is a suitable setup.

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 – Reminder – budget meeting Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:30 p.m. – if anyone would like to take a look at fire hall and new fleet – 6:00 p.m..

CORRESPONDENCE

- ADHS – H. Scott will present at ADHS commencement

- **Tim Truesdell** – review of ERO proposal and Township comments – requesting a meeting to discuss Township comments - comments as submitted will not change as per concerns from user groups and residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None -

PLANNING

- None -

BY-LAWS

- None –

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- None -

QUERIES AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

G. Bell – promoted N. Cotto to officer doing quite nicely – B. Booker - going back to Stratford, we will be recruiting again – at 24 members – B. Booker will stay until house sells.

C. Fenlong – week after next hopefully sweepers will be in – 3rd week of April

R. Layng – general accounts – joint compliant committee cost? – Established at the County Level a few years ago - Compliance Audit Committee to consider applications requesting audits of election campaign finances.

– R. Layng – G. Bell - gas receipt with road accounts – although with all gas receipts it is charged to building for personal vehicle doing inspections.

– R. Layng - met 45 minutes with B. Fenlong – trouble with UV lights on water system, front door cables continue to break and he has found them now to fix, has students to do cleaning and happy to have them. – budget numbers – showers and sinks and counter should have numbers next week – won't meet next month wait, two months and meet after shut down.

- R. Layng – M. Hollingsworth date?– March 2027

- R. Layng – met with a resident on Sunday after exchanging emails and hiring policies an explained the CBO – employ part time and moved in full time shared position, assured we have everything we need.

– **H. Scott** - Medical Centre AGM in June was asked if I would be interested to attend – half an hour to 45 minutes.

- **A. Dancy** – flower beds and gateway beds – are we hiring for it? – advertise on social media – D. Noonan – unable to do anything until after budget.

- A. Dancy - to H. Scott to speak on George Tackaberry Home, why the delays as of January 28th 2026 ribbon cutting and is it costing us – answers please.

- A. Dancy - to D. Noonan - a couple months ago asked if you could have Front of Yonge what Council gets there and Westport – to set for upcoming term – D. Noonan - will be available with budget package, however the 2026 was already set.

- A. Dancy – to G. Bell, C. Fenlong and T. Evans on behalf thank you from Dancy family for attending J. Dancy's wake– he would have been honoured to see that.

- **D. Alguire** – Flooring upstairs – 4 different groups to look after it potentially pay for it - thought could it be lightly sanded and an epoxy on it – inch or half inch thick just guesstimate – shouldn't have to spend much more than that on top of that maybe \$4,000.00 in ten years worn and scuffed and able to come back and refinish one more time rather than take out the floor that's there – rather than spending that much money – D. Noonan - has some quotes for flooring materials and redo of existing but will work on a quote for this as requested.

- **H. Scott** – Mapleview - Ministry here Easter Monday, there are deficiencies and everyone working, contractor and County still working together could move 5 or 6 in a day when the time comes – yes, it's costing but that's money that was set aside to pay staff eventually that will work in the home – rotating existing and new staff to get them used to what's going on in existing and the administrator really great everybody, working away and looking for the day when we go – I don't know what to tell people — no date and I ask every time I'm in at the County.

- H. Scott - County Road 29 issues and think they are going to do something not sure what but hoping they start at Smiths Falls – hoping to see some work done.

- H. Scott - 2 years ago we had come in with a proposal and for a fee to find doctors – they have found 3 doctors here working, 2 psychiatrists and 1 pediatrician and more coming working overseas to get these doctors here.

NOTICE OF MOTION

**MOVED BY A. DANCY,
SECONDED BY D. ALGUIRE**

THAT Council close open regular meeting at 7:40 p.m and enter in camera for a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality. **CARRIED**

**MOVED BY R. LAYNG
SECONDED BY D. ALGUIRE**

THAT council close in camera meeting which was for the purpose of a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality at 8:35 p.m. **CARRIED**

- Staff be directed to seek options for potentially building a new fire hall with potential donation of land to the Township from a resident.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED BY R. LAYNG
SECONDED BY D. ALGUIRE**

THAT there being no further business this meeting of Council adjourn at 8:40 p.m., Council to meet again Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm or sooner at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK