

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ATHENS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MAY 11, 2026**

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

REGRETS Gerry Bell, CBO/Fire Chief

STAFF PRESENT Darlene Noonan, CAO/Clerk Treasurer
Chris Fenlong, Director of Public Works

ALSO PRESENT Terry Leeder, Margaret Rusland, Emily Bohusz,
Laura Burton, Elizabeth Earl, Kim Epp-Frenette,
Rebecca Meier

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- H. Scott - #10 committee reports speed signs

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- None -

MINUTES

MOVED BY R. LAYNG

SECONDED BY T. EVANS

THAT Council approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- A. Dancy – flooring quotes for JBC been given to T. Evans to discuss with Ladies Auxiliary and Lions Club.

DELEGATION(S)

- L. Burton – Athens Public Library – 2027 Trillium Grant Request - For approximately 15 months been working on a trillium capital grant but the Township applied for something else and they were unable to apply – would like to update gazebo to make it permanent – post and beam gabled roof a little safer in the winter – prevent ice buildup – install accessible door and building – 2 ½” to 4” step fixed, so accessible – summer months if it’s raining – strollers, wagons, bikes get wet this would provide out of the way safe dry area –would be great to have – May 23rd book sale. H. Scott – cost? L. Burton - One quote is just under \$150,000. – R. Layng - we have to wait for 2027 it’s a lot of work but cannot commit at this time, also the library cannot directly apply it must be applied for by the Municipality.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

MOVED BY M. SMITH

SECONDED BY R. LAYNG

THAT Council approve the accounts for payment as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- **Admin. Assistant** – YTD Building report

- **Fire Chief** – 2025 calls by response type report

- **Fire Chief** – Oct/25 – Feb/26 – membership hours of service

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Organization request for Centre '76 – 3-day tournament – December**

MOVED BY T. EVANS

SECONDED BY R. LAYNG

THAT Council approve the request of the Klevr Super League (KSL) for a three-date tournament at Centre '76, December 4, 5, 6, 2026 (8:00 am – 8:00 pm – the 4th & 5th) and (8:00 am – 3:00 pm – the 6th). **CARRIED**

- **Front of Yonge – Leeds County OPP community member appointment**

MOVED BY G. KEARNEY

SECONDED BY A. DANCY

WHEREAS the Leeds County OPP Detachment Board is seeking approval from member municipalities to appoint Jeff Lackie as an at-large community representative for the remainder of this term:

NOW THEREFORE The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Athens approves of the appointment of Jeff Lackie to the Leeds County OPP Detachment Board. **CARRIED**

-**G. Tackaberry & Sons Const. Co. Ltd.**

MOVED BY T. EVANS

SECONDED BY M. SMITH

THAT Council approve the 2026 equipment rental rates as received from G. Tackaberry and Sons Construction Co. Ltd. **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- H. Scott - understanding there are 3 municipalities on record for speed signs at the County, when they have stock - all agreed – Darlene will contact the County to get on the list.

PLANNING

MOVED BY M. SMITH

SECONDED BY T. EVANS

THAT Council approve land severance application B-28-26 – Conc. 9, pt lot 21, Bohusz. **CARRIED**

BY-LAWS

MOVED BY A. DANCY

SECONDED BY D. ALGUIRE

THAT Council introduce and read a first and second time bylaws to amend Schedule “A” to bylaw 2026-02; to amend zoning bylaw 2013-10, as amended for 102 County Rd 40; to stop up, close and sell/transfer part of a road allowance designated as parts 2 & 5 on Reference Plan 28R16207, and transfer to the owner of roll number 08 19 819 029 02300 0000; to acquire and assume lands designated as parts 1, 2 & 3 on reference plan 28R16210; to amend the Township fees bylaw 2021-06; to repeal bylaw 2006-10 and to levy taxes for 2026 and set due dates. **CARRIED**

MOVED BY D. ALGUIRE

SECONDED BY G. KEARNEY

THAT Council read a third time bylaws to amend Schedule “A” to bylaw 2026-02; to amend zoning bylaw 2013-10, as amended for 102 County Rd 40; to stop up, close and sell/transfer part of a road allowance designated as parts 2 & 5 on Reference Plan 28R16207, and transfer to the owner of roll number 08 19 819 029 02300 0000; to acquire and assume lands designated as parts 1, 2 & 3 on reference plan 28R16210; to amend the Township fees bylaw 2021-06; to repeal bylaw 2006-10 and to levy taxes for 2026 and set due dates. Signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and numbered – 2026-08, 2026-09, 2026-10, 2026-11, 2026-12, 2026-13 and 2026-14. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- R. Meier - sign on boat launch at Temperance Lake has disappeared - it was a code of conduct for use of the Lake – was that township? — sign for people that come and fish and boat. – D. Noonan - will check what information can be found.

- E. Earl - thank you those who attended Saturday for the Lions 65th and certificate presentation.

QUERIES AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

- **C. Fenlong** – nothing

- **R. Layng** – nothing

- **M. Smith** - nothing

- **T. Evans** - street sweepers out – yes, county was. – T. Evans – canteen if we don't forget, S. McManus interested again.

- **G. Kearney** - dock looks really good in Charleston – Beales Mills by Spence Lane by rock cut washed out steep drop there.

- **A. Dancy** – Centre '76 coming up this year 50 years, would like to see something, refreshments to public anyone interested open house and a couple Councillors maybe.

–D. Noonan will get something out to the public for interested persons to help organize it.

- **D. Alguire** – nothing

- **D. Noonan** – nothing

- **H. Scott** – understand ministry will be back on the 17th to check Maple View Status. Had heard they may take ambulance out of our fire hall and take it to Maplevue - H. Scott - raised question they said no – it means a lot to have it there.

NOTICE OF MOTION

- None –

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY G. KEARNEY

SECONDED BY A. DANCY

THAT there being no further business this meeting of Council adjourn at 7:30 p.m., Council to meet again Monday June 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm or sooner at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK