

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

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

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

ALSO PRESENT Margaret Rusland, Glen Withers, Elizabeth Earl, Julie Smid

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- D. Alguire under #8 - remembrance sidewalk, memorial crosswalk

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- T. Evans under #9 - bingo request

MINUTES

MOVED BY R. LAYNG

SECONDED BY T. EVANS

THAT Council approve the minutes of the June 8th 2026 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- A. Dancy - who is doing gardens? – K. Barber
- A. Dancy – to T. Evans - JBC flooring update – nothing yet been busy with Farmersville
- A. Dancy - regarding last month recorded vote on backhoe - can all be recorded – D. Noonan - explained if the Mayor asks one by one votes or if a member of Council requests recorded vote, otherwise the mayor calls a general “all in favour”.

- T. Evans – booties for chairs and tables in JBC – price remains –not ordered - no direction yet.

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

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

- **CAO** – OHSA – working on policy – students have been provided the working alone checklist and phone numbers provided.

- **T. Evans** – to C. Fenlong - equipment check list, will give a copy of what his work uses, need to fill it out every day and record of coverage on the day and sign off other contractor to protect ourselves.

- **CAO** – YTD vs 2026 budget

- **Director of PW** - Dixie Road, end of it, buses and plows turn around historically in a resident’s driveway. She no longer has school age children and no longer wants to permit this unless the Township fixes the driveway, currently has a gravel driveway would like a

paved driveway– do we look to go further on Sheatown open first driveway down further and plows and buses go down there - will need permission from that property owner – need to coordinate with Howards – C. Fenlong - to get more information report back for a proper discussion and determination.

- C. Fenlong - Brush at transfer site – should look into larger cost for that - \$5 rationale was a nominal fee to cover pushback – it was determined long ago not to have a higher cost – G. Bell - concerned higher cost there would be more burning at home.

- **H. Scott** – Maple View Lodge – occupancy permit issued – small things yet to work out before opening —permit for the daycare has been issued – 79 spaces for the daycare – December 31st is deadline to have it done – Once i's dotted t's crossed move 60 from old building to new, then after that they will start bringing people off list out of hospitals and homes etc... good thing minute or day first resident lies down the gov't pays for all beds whether full or not.

- **D. Alguire** – provided a report – in contact with Perth legion and the company that paints the memorial crosswalk signs and proposing tonight and then will email tomorrow or next day should there be any questions tonight – the ones predominately red fade very fast personally try to stay away from red – obviously would like to see maple leaf. - Victoria street crosswalk – on sidewalk another \$3000 on top of paint on sidewalk to blast - cobblestone on cenotaph the grass through it and uneven – can put it there but won't be happy. – G. Kearney – great job, something we should do immediately and that's a perfect location. D. Alguire - suggesting the white grey silhouettes. – R. Layng - yes –how long before we need to refresh – 5 years – 2 years. – T. Evans – like it, great idea. - D. Alguire 33' - right across edge to edge – cost - \$2500 – will ask about refreshing paint but maybe we can do it ourselves when time comes – E. Laming and I would like to donate towards this for the crosswalk – close to my heart. – D. Noonan - please ask company to provide us notice so we can get notice out and about – for traffic etc. – H. Scott - before Remembrance Day.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Leeds County OPP Detachment Board** – report, Leeds County

- **D. Lewis** – suggestion for town hall gardens - it's already been grass seeded and cleaned up.

- **J. Smid** - Bingo machine and storage – currently our machine in the last year \$20,000 has to be lifted by 4 people on and off stage when rentals are in the JBC hall -requesting use of one of the stage bathrooms for permanent bingo items storage willing to pay a rental fee for the space– I've also heard a lot about the damage to the floor as well maybe we can contribute – will move stuff from filing cabinet in there to save space in the dressing room area. – G. Kearney – if it's approx. 6 times a year, could we leave it in the bathroom. – A. Dancy – agree, no issue leaving in the bathroom and need future talk on the floor. – D. Alguire - agree not opposed to storing in the stage bathroom as well. – R. Layng - only question what does JBCPAC think of it, don't know – A. Dancy - think it's ok to just give access to one. – M. Smith – no issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Centre '76 - 50Th ad hoc – all agreed a date Saturday, November 14th – Aeros game moving to afternoon – Aeros would skate with kids and families following the game, cake and refreshments – Council approves the date – D. Noonan - will work on notification to other users regarding cancelation of their ice times that afternoon. - Table at Cornfest – D. Alguire – memorabilia way back for the Aeros – flyers and pictures – museum has some brochures of the first game in the rink – wanting a slide show – and pictures. – R. Layng - if anyone has a chance there is a great youtube video – approx.. 2 hours but worth the watch.

PLANNING

- None –

BY-LAWS

MOVED BY M. SMITH

SECONDED BY T. EVANS

THAT Council introduce and read a first and second time bylaws to: stop up, close and convey pt of rd allowance Township of Bastard and Township of Athens; to amend zoning bylaw 2013-10, as amended – 101 County Rd 5 S; to stop up, close and convey part of William Street, Charleston; and to authorize the execution of a recreation extension agreement with Township of Rideau Lakes. **CARRIED**

MOVED BY G. KEARNEY

SECONDED BY A. DANCY

THAT Council read a third time bylaws to: stop up, close and convey pt of rd allowance Township of Bastard and Township of Athens; to amend zoning bylaw 2013-10, as amended – 101 County Rd 5 S; to stop up, close and convey part of William Street, Charleston; and to authorize the execution of a recreation extension agreement with Township of Rideau Lakes. Signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and numbered: 2026-15, 2026-16, 2026-17, 2026-18. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- M. Rusland - how nice it looks around quacker cemetery – H. Scott - work in progress.

- E. Earl - grateful for all work and effort getting fairgrounds for Farmersville and flowers and around town and acknowledge and a thank you letter for C. Fenlong and A. Sargent—she read a thank you and extended personal and heartfelt appreciation for the 45th exhibition massive success, grounds immaculate, tireless all weekend visible to everyone, did not go unnoticed myself and community and Farmersville.

QUERIES AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

- **G. Bell** - fire – will recruit this fall and doing it county wide, all departments lacking and schedule dates to bring in a lot of courses. We are 6 short right now, radio upgrade in 2027 will have to think budget wise \$36,000 cost haven't seen how long we have to pay – a portable is \$7,000 and trucks \$9,000 after programmed. - July 1st deadline for all training now in effect anyone not trained can't do certain tasks unless they are with someone who is qualified until the individual gets their training we need to know who has what, can't send someone not trained to mutual aid to another municipality – this is all municipalities – turn around at college taking courses and getting results don't have certificate it's a mess—we have a lot of training waiting for records – there are some training deficiencies that we need to get them up to speed.

- B. Booker and T. Montgomery have both resigned have some hats to fill will get notice out there.

- **C. Fenlong** – nothing

- **R. Layng** – nothing

- **M. Smith** - nothing

- **T. Evans** - will be seeing D. Noonan tomorrow to sign up and hopefully representing another 4-year term.

- **G. Kearney** - nothing

- **A. Dancy** - first and foremost to Lions for Farmersville, apologize not there was away thank you everyone involved. – to C. Fenlong and A. Sargent - gateway beds? – have worked on them all except the one at Mayor Scott's.

- List of Candidates being posted people are asking? – D. Noonan - next week

- **D. Alguire** – why milk trucks can't park at the arena - it was decided years ago due to the weight of the trucks on the pavement and the liability for the Township - leave it no parking at Centre '76.

- **D. Noonan** – nothing

- **H. Scott** – T. Scott and I have been working on Quaker Cemetery, C. Fenlong and A. Sargent - cut a tree and T. Evans limbed up everything, looking better and may get hold of

B. Nowlan and mow what we have cleaned and keep it that way, talked to a gentleman from Winchester would like a carving of a Quaker minister with and holding bible to put in down there no expense to Township, will be all me and T. Scott and people will look at it. Would look nice and think it would make people aware of it. – H. Scott - if no objections, I'll carry on – everyone is ok with the plan.

– H. Scott - would like to send a thank you for upkeep and maintenance on the Charleston bed to woman who takes care of it.

Herb –Leeds and Thousand Islands had a ceremony for 25 years since amalgamation we have also been 25 years but don't think we need anything. – D. Noonan and I the only ones left from amalgamation.

- H. Scott to C. Fenlong – put the information on drain Mill St. to Sarah St., would like to look at it the scope or whatever curious – C. Fenlong - email it – H. Scott - can come in office and do it.

- H. Scott to Lions, awful lot came in County Road 5 gate asking where horse pullers were, said there weren't any but thought I'd pass it on.

- H. Scott - every year hand out Bill Thake award in Kemptville and coming up again and for people excel in business and with permission would like to nominate a local businessman he has a wonderful business he has had lots of young people come and work.

- G. Kearney - horse pulls getting older and liability and reason we didn't any longer.

NOTICE OF MOTION

MOVED BY D. ALGUIRE

SECONDED BY G. KEARNEY

THAT Council close the public meeting and enter in camera at 8:15 p.m., as per S. 239(1)(b) of the municipal act. **CARRIED**

MOVED BY A. DANCY

SECONDED BY G. KEARNEY

THAT Council Close the in camera at 9:00 p.m., which was for discussions as per S. 239(1)(b) of the municipal act., and re-enter regular open public meeting. **CARRIED**

MOVED BY D. ALGUIRE

SECONDED BY G. KEARNEY

THAT Council uphold the private and confidential report received from the Athens Area Heritage Committee, and do hereby instruct the CAO of the Municipality to send notice to the individual named within the report and not disclosed due to privacy issues, that they are hereby notified immediately upon receiving written notice that they are no longer permitted to enter the Township Museum for any reason, they are not permitted to become a member or attend any and all meetings associated with the AAHS including but not limited to any and all events hosted by the AAHS, the individual is not permitted to contact any member, staff or volunteer of the AAHS regarding any AAHS business, including but not limited to the context of this notice, the individual is to cease any promotions, activities or events promoting or appearing to be acting on behalf of the AAHS and to return any and all items that have been removed from the museum, which are Municipal property, any or all master source materials that have been used for presentations or obtained while in the service of the AAHS or on behalf of the Township of Athens. The actions hereby contained by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Athens on behalf of the Athens Area Heritage Committee are necessary due to continuous disruptive behaviour which is not conducive or productive for the AAHS volunteers, members or staff. **CARRIED**

Recorded:

Mayor Scott, Deputy Mayor Kearney, Councillors Alguire, Evans, Layng, Smith – YEA
Councillor Dancy – abstain

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY A. DANCY

SECONDED BY D. ALGUIRE

THAT there being no further business this meeting of Council adjourn at 9:15 p.m., Council to meet again Monday September 14th 2026 at 7:00 pm or sooner at the call of the Mayor. **CARRIED**

MAYOR

CLERK