

Supervisor Tina Papineau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Dryden Township offices

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Roll Call:	Supervisor-Tina Papineau	present
	Clerk- Kimberly Diefenbach	present
	Treasurer- Susan Lowney	present
	Trustee - Carol English	present
	Trustee – Brian Hazen	present

Legal Counsel: Attorney Tim Denney

Public in attendance: Fire Chief Mark Hagemeister, Police Chief Shawn Peters, John & Terri Olterman, Jim Diefenbach, Jeff & Whitney Evans, Justin Evans, Sandy Swientoniowski, Pamela Hagemeister, Melissa Randazzo, Richard English, Jim Napolitano, Michael Ogg, Justin Potter, Rod Redwood, Mike & Cheryl Antushevich, Michael Antushevich, Darrell Schultz, Amy and Calleigh Barger, Devon and Dustin Travis, Ralph and Linda Starke, Kirk and Jennifer Burmann, Mike and Katie Plotzke, Alen Graham, Justin Gay, Daniel Mitchell, Rosemary Evans, Norrice Bickes, Chris Hosler, Wes Davis, April Smith, David Weaver, Bob Doepfer, Mark Walker, Joy Vogel, Andrew Kokx, Travis White, Patrick Betcher, Jake VanDam, Gerry Hagemeister, and Mike Franz.

Public Comment: Gerry Hagemeister and Mark Walker(Search and Rescue) spoke in support of Chief Hagemeister.

Agenda:

Motion by Lowney, seconded by Hazen to accept the Agenda with the addition of F. Cemetery clean-up and mowing. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:

Moved by Lowney, seconded by English, to approve the Regular meeting minutes of March 14, 2023  
Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Presented were Vendor and Payroll Summaries for the month of March.

General Fund:	Accounts payable checks No. 46208-46240	\$11,353.32
	Gross payroll	<u>\$16,830.23</u>
	Total GF expenses	\$28,183.55
Fire Fund:	Accounts payable checks No. 3885-3898	\$103,789.69
	Gross payroll	<u>\$4,636.62</u>
	Total Fire expenses	\$108,426.31
Police Fund:	Accounts payable checks No. 4671-4698	\$8,785.66
	Gross Payroll	<u>\$30,450.46</u>
	Total Police Fund expenses	\$39,236.12

Moved by English, seconded by Hazen, to approve the payment of the Accounts payable bills, and payroll as presented. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Lapeer County EMS report for February, Letters from the Village of Dryden, Attica Township FD, Almont FD and Metamora FD.

**Treasurer's Report:** A financial Report was presented with the ending balances in the townships various funds as of March 31, 2023. General Fund \$1,928,298.03, Police Fund \$712,980.29, Fire Fund \$669,813.90, T&A \$8,050.00, Current Tax \$557.56.

Moved by English, seconded by Diefenbach to accept the Treasurer's Report into the minutes as of March 31, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

**Elected Official/Department Head Updates:**

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Mark Hagemeister reported that there were 10 MFR runs and 3 fire runs for the month of March. There is a mandatory FIT test coming up on May 9<sup>th</sup> and a rebuilding meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Fire truck we have on order should be ready around July.

**Police Department Report:** Chief Peters presented the police report for the month of March, he reported the following,

- Officers responded to a total of 315 calls for service for the month of March.
- Officers conducted a total of 83 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, 18 citations were issued for traffic violations, 12 traffic crash reports were handled by officers. Of those crashes, 2 were property damage, 9 were involving deer and 1 was a personal injury accident. There were 4 drivers arrested by officers for operating while intoxicated.
- More residents are utilizing the home check service while they are away on vacation.
- SRO Betts is now on duty at both schools on a full-time basis.
- April is National Distracted Driving Month. Officers will have an increased presence on area roadways in hopes of keeping our community safe.
- Officers have been doing a great job being out in the community and being of service to area residents.
- The Township had a 16 year old runaway that had been found safe. Chief Peters tapped every resource including the Oakland County Sherriff, MSP, Cyber Crimes just to name a few. Chief Peters appreciates the help of these organizations as well as those on FB who shared his posts.
- The group Steel Patriots donated a Phillips AED to the department. Their donation is greatly appreciated.

**Unfinished business/new business**

**Fire Department Issue:** Attorney Tim Denney spoke on the current Fire Dept. issue. The board suggested a workshop using a Leadership professional. Several people from the public spoke about the way Chief Hagemeister runs the department and communication issues.

**I am Responding Program:** Motion made by Hazen, seconded by Lowney to initiate the I am Responding program for the Fire Department. Motion carried.

Resignation of Assistant Chief Keith Klobucar: Tabled.

Hire of Part-time Police officer: Motion to hire Brendan Westenbarger as a part-time police officer was made by Hazen, seconded by Lowney. Motion carried.

Hire of Fire fighters: Tabled until background checks are done.

Cemetery work: Motion to contract with MML Landscaping for cemetery mowing and cleanup made by Lowney, seconded by English. Motion carried.

Motion made by English, seconded by Diefenbach to pay Troop 130 \$650 for the care of North Mill cemetery and \$700 to care for the Dryden Center cemetery. Motion carried.

Public Time: Residents voiced their opinions and concerns on the Fire Department problems.

Jeff Evans spoke on his demotion with in the Fire Dept.

Mike Franz would like to set up a committee with the Township to discuss the Fire Dept. issues

Adjournment: Supervisor Papineau adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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Tina Papineau  
Dryden Township Supervisor

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Kimberly Diefenbach, CMMC  
Dryden Township Clerk

**Township of Dryden  
4849 Dryden Road  
Dryden, Michigan 48428**

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2023**