

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: Jim Diefenbach, Jeff Evans, Terri & John Olterman, Fire Chief Jim Stevenson, Police Sergeant Adam Chesnutt, April Smith, Norman Smith, Sandy Swientoniowski, Mariana Bohm Neuman, Ralph and Linda Starke, Carole Beckett, Lisa Yarema, Karen Braschayko, Amy Stearns, Bryan Zender, Sarah and Grace VandenBerghe.

Public Comment:

- Karen Braschayko presented an informational packet on ORV's and golf carts. She is concerned about the safety of these vehicles on the roadways.
- Amy Stearns introduced herself as candidate for the Lapeer County Register of Deeds. She is currently appointed to the position.
- Mariana Neuman is concerned that her neighbors are trying to land lock her property.
- Grace VandenBerghe, an Eagle Scout candidate, is asking for a donation to complete her Eagle Scout project. She is installing a playground at Cardinal Field.

Agenda:

Motion by Lowney, seconded by Hazen, to accept the Agenda minus item G. SCBA Mask Neck strap and the addition of Donation for Grace VandenBerghe's Eagle Scout project. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Moved by English, seconded by Lowney to approve the Regular meeting minutes of April 9, 2024.  
Motion carried.

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

General Fund:	Accounts payable	\$11,545.25
	Gross payroll	<u>\$24,310.07</u>
	Total GF expenses	\$35,855.32
Fire Fund:	Accounts payable	\$9,174.22
	Gross payroll	<u>\$16409.70</u>
	Total Fire expenses	\$25,583.92
Police Fund:	Accounts payable	\$10,580.45
	Gross Payroll	<u>\$47,087.83</u>
	Total Police Fund expenses	\$57,668.28

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

**Correspondence:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current totals in funds are as follows: General \$2,166,719.10; Fire \$698,448.97; Police \$781,610.42; Trust and Agency \$6,887.50; Tax \$32.98

Moved by Diefenbach, seconded by English to accept the Treasurer's Report into the minutes as of April 30, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

**Elected Official/Department Head Updates:**

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Jim Stevenson presented the Fire Dept report. It was reported that there were 18 MFR calls and 7 fire calls for the month of April.

April recap:

- Getting quotes from vendors for equipment we need on our apparatus.
- In the process of having additional members become CPR instructors. Lt. Napolitano is working with LCEMS.
- Approved Equipment from last month has been coming into the Fire Dept.
- Had SLICERS training April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- VFIS Drivers Training class was held April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Fire Prevention at the Elementary was a wonderful time for our members, Students and school staff.
- Meeting room computer has been replaced to assist with report entry.
- Mask Fit Testing(1<sup>st</sup> round)
- Working with Addison on CE Program for in house training.
- Member attended 2 outside training programs between Metamora & Berlin Twp Fire Departments.
- There are 3 members that have started their MFR classes( Jackie B, Jacob V & Matt V.)
- It is with great sadness that effective May 1<sup>st</sup> our Assistant Chief Mike Ogg has decided to retire from the DTFD. Mike had been on the FD for 32 years. His wisdom, positive mentoring, and incredible leadership skill along with other key attributes will be missed by all members.
- Fire Rescue 1 has been set up and training classes assigned.
- Multi-meeting was conducted covering SWOT analysis, P.I.A. and Quarterly Meeting.
- There are 2 active members that have applied for the Assistant Chief position.
- Fire Dept. hoses need to be replaced. The recommended life of the hoses is 10 years. Some hoses date back to 1992 and 2008. Estimated cost to replace the hoses is \$80,000. Chief Stevenson is going to look into grants to help cover the costs.
- A few members of the Dept. helped a local resident with hazards in his yard.

Upcoming events:

May trainings/events:

- 16<sup>th</sup> – Pumps/water training
- 23<sup>rd</sup> -Yellow Rose training & Fit Testing for masks.

June trainings/events

3<sup>rd</sup> Extrication-KED

6<sup>th</sup>-Event with the Elementary for End of School Year fun.

Police Department Report: Sgt. Chesnutt presented the police report for the month of April, he reported the following,

- Officers responded to a total of 271 calls for service for the month of April.
- Officers conducted a total of 55 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, 18 citations were issued for traffic violations, 5 traffic crash reports were handled by officers. Of those crashes, 3 were property damage and 2 resulted in personal injury. Officers arrested 2 drivers for operating while intoxicated.
- Officer Greg Betts recently completed A.L.I.C.E. Instructor training in Oakland County. This Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate is a response to active violence training that SRO Betts can assist and train students and staff in his role at Dryden Community Schools. The end goal is to keep our schools as safe as possible. Sgt Adam Chesnutt is also a certified ALICE Instructor. Having two officers on staff that are fully trained instructors only strengthens our commitment to keeping our community safe.
- We are still in the search for applicants to fill other part-time positions.
- The retired Ford Explorer was sold at auction at the end of April for \$5,100.00. The income raised will go back into the department budget for future equipment needs.
- With nicer weather now here, officers are doing all they can to be visible on area roadways. In addition, extra patrols are happening in and around area parks and school facilities. If you see anything of concern please reach out to our department and we will do our best to assist.
- Officer assisted on 16 medical calls in the month of April.

County Commissioner Report: Mr. Zender reported that the Hazardous waste Collection was utilized by 285 households. There will be another Collection day on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> in Imlay City.

-General Squier water park will be open Memorial Day if they can find enough staff. The waterpark will be open Wed. through Sunday throughout the summer pending enough staff.

-Buildings at the park are being repaired and painted and work should be completed in June.

-June 8 there is a Disc Golf event at Torzewski park.

-LCEMS ballot language got approved and will appear on the August ballot.

**Unfinished business/new business**

**Budget Hearing Dates:** Motion to set the Budget hearing dates made by Lowney, seconded by Diefenbach. Motion carried. Dates and times are June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Police @ 4pm; Fire @ 5 pm. June 13<sup>th</sup> @4pm and General Appropriation on June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm.

**Horse Road Signs:** Tina contacted the Road Commission about the signs and had not heard back yet.

**Fire Dept. Retirement:** Motion made by Diefenbach, seconded by English to accept the resignation/retirement of Michael Ogg effective May 1, 2024. Motion carried.

**Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension:** Motion made by Lowney, seconded by Diefenbach to accept the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension with AT&T. Motion carried.

**Hire of Part-time Police Officer:** Motion made by Diefenbach, seconded by Lowney to approve the hire of Chase Kuzniar as Part-time police officer. Motion carried.

**Purchase of EMS Equipment- Infant Mannequin:** Motion made by Lowney, seconded by Hazen to

approve the purchase of two infant Mannequins for \$312.00 from Prestan. Motion carried.  
**Grace VandenBerghe Eagle Scout Project:** Motion made by Hazen, seconded by English to donate \$3,400.00 to Grace's Eagle Scout project which is putting in a playground at Cardinal Field. This falls into the Township's Park Plan. Motion carried. There will be a ground breaking ceremony on Wed. May22nd at 1pm.

Public Time: Tina mentioned that the General Squier statue has been placed in the park and will be unveiled on Memorial Day.

Adjournment: Supervisor Papineau adjourned the meeting at 7:59p.m.

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Tina Papineau  
Dryden Township Supervisor

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Kimberly Diefenbach, CMMC  
Dryden Township Clerk

**Township of Dryden  
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**Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2024**