

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 Olterman, Jim Diefenbach, Jeff Evans, Justin Evans, Sandy Swientoniowski, Lori Hall, Norman Smith, and Chris Turner.

Public Comment: none

Agenda:

Motion by Diefenbach, seconded by Hazen to accept the Agenda with the additions of F. Fire Dept. FDIC conference, G. School sign, and H. KCI Assessment notices. Motion carried.

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Moved by Lowney, seconded by English, to approve the Regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2023 and the Special Meetings of January 3 and 26, 2023. Motion carried.

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

General Fund:	Accounts payable checks No. 46144-46183	\$18,385.73
	Gross payroll	<u>\$16,942.79</u>
	Total GF expenses	\$35,328.52
Fire Fund:	Accounts payable checks No. 3838-3858	\$1,975.26
	Gross payroll	<u>\$13,816.14</u>
	Total Fire expenses	\$15,791.40
Police Fund:	Accounts payable checks No. 4626-4649	\$8,609.39
	Gross Payroll	<u>\$32,173.04</u>
	Total Police Fund expenses	\$40,782.43

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:** A financial Report was presented with the ending balances in the townships various

funds as of January 31, 2023. General Fund \$2,008,229.69, Police Fund \$578,596.32, Fire Fund \$665,237.34, T&A \$8,025.00, Current Tax \$645,451.62.

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

**Elected Official/Department Head Updates:**

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Mark Hagemeister presented the Fire Report for January. There were 23 Medical First Responder calls and 5 Fire calls for the month.

-New tires are needed on Truck 12-22. Motion to purchase tire from Masters Automotive for \$956.20 was made by Hazen and seconded by English. Motion carried.

-The Auxiliary had a pancake breakfast and made just under \$800.

- The auxiliary is hosting a Comedy Night at Dryden Bar and Grill on March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9pm. Tickets can be purchased at either the Dryden Bar and Grill or at the Fire Dept.

Police Department Report: The police report for the month of January, Chief Peters reported the following,

- Officers responded to a total of 306 calls for service for the month of January.
- Officers conducted a total of 61 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, 14 citations were issued for traffic violations, 14 traffic crash reports were handled by officers. Of those crashes, 7 were property damage, 6 were involving deer and 1 was a personal injury accident. There were 3 drivers arrested by officers for operating while intoxicated.
- The Police Department encourages all residents to sign up for vacation checks if they go out of town. They currently have 20 homes on their list.
- Officer Papale will be attending an upcoming training hosted by Imlay City Police Department to prepare for the FAA Part 107 licensing exam for Drone Operation. A group of local departments are hoping to obtain a grant to purchase a drone for law enforcement use that can be utilized by a team of officers from various departments.
- Since signing up with Police 1 Academy(Online Police Training Portal through Lexipol) officers on the department have all completed various online trainings.

Unfinished business/new business

Hire of School Resource Officer: Motion made by Diefenbach, seconded by Lowney to hire Gregory Betts as School Resource Officer. Motion carried.

Crank 4 a Cause Event: Motion made by Lowney, seconded by English to permit the use of the Dryden Memorial Park for a fundraiser event with the stipulation that they provide proof of insurance, liquor license (beer tent) and final Police Dept. approval. Motion carried.

Poverty Guideline Changes:

**DRYDEN TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Dryden Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Supervisor/Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the Township of Dryden, Lapeer County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
- 3) Provide federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, which were completed or filed, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or on the current year. If Federal or State Tax forms are not required to be filed, each resident must file a poverty exemption affidavit.
- 4) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current Township asset guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than principal residence, real estate in excess of the minimum parcel size in a zoning district, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc. Farm equipment used for growing crops are excluded from the asset test.
- 5) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification.
- 6) Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 7) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines. Dryden Township poverty income guideline is currently set at 140% of the Federal poverty income guidelines.
- 8) The income must include all income for all residents of the primary residence. Income includes all monies received from all sources. It includes, but is not limited to all pension receipts, all disability receipts, all public assistance from any source, alimony, child support payments, military family allowances, dividends, interest, rental receipts, receipts from trusts and any insurance or annuity and social security and social security disability receipts. It also includes any money received from sale of personal property, such as scrap, old appliances, automobiles, campers, etc.
- 9) Currently, the Township Asset Test states that the total of all liquid assets, not including the primary residence or farm equipment used to produce crops shall not exceed \$70,000.

The federal and Dryden Township poverty income guidelines are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Township. The current Dryden Township income guidelines are set at 140% of the Federal poverty income guidelines. The annual allowable income includes

income for all persons residing in the principal residence. These guidelines and all appropriate forms are available at the Dryden Township Offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the supervisor/assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Township Board Member Diefenbach and supported by Township Board Member Hazen.

Upon roll call vote, Ayes: 5; Nays: 0.

Septic Station Contract: Motion made by Lowney, seconded by Hazen to enter into an annual inspection agreement with Jett Pump and Valve, LLC for annual check ups on the septic station. Motion carried.

Recycling Contract: Motion made by English, seconded by Lowney, to accept the contract with GFL for Recycling. Initial term of 60 months for \$1,150.00 per month. Motion carried.

FDIC Conference: Motion made by English, seconded by Diefenbach to approve the proposed expenses for the FDIC Conference to be held in Indiana on April 25-29. Four fire fighters will attend at a cost of \$5,622.90. Motion carried.

School Sign: Motion made by English, seconded by Lowney to donate \$1000.00 towards the purchase of a solar powered light system to be placed on Rochester Rd near the high school property to alert drivers of reduced speeds during parts of the day. Motion carried.

KCI Assessment notices: Motion made by Lowney, seconded by Hazen to contract with KCI to prepare and mail Assessments at a cost of \$1,574.41. Motion carried.

Friends of the Polly Ann: The Friends of the Polly Ann group worked with a grant writer and secured a grant for \$287,00.00 for trail improvements from the village to Casey Rd. The board previously gave \$5000.00 in matching grants.

Public Time: none

Adjournment: Supervisor Papineau adjourned the meeting at 7:52 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  
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**Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2023**