

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.

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| 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, Melissa Randazzo, Richard English, Tamara Ogg, Rod Redwood, Mike & Cheryl Antushevich, Michael Antushevich, Darrell Schultz, Devon and Dustin Travis, Ralph and Linda Starke, Kirk and Jennifer Burmann, Mike Plotzke, Alen Graham, Justin Gay, Rosemary Evans, Travis White, Patrick Betcher, Jake and Jennifer VanDam, David Clements, Keith and Kim Klobucar, Norman Smith, and Mike and Erika Franz.

Public Comment: None

Agenda:

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

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Moved by Lowney, seconded by English, to approve the Regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2023  
Motion carried.

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

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| General Fund: | Accounts payable checks No. 46241-46264 | \$12,119.83        |
|               | Gross payroll                           | <u>\$18,406.22</u> |
|               | Total GF expenses                       | \$30,526.05        |
| Fire Fund:    | Accounts payable checks No. 3899-3919   | \$665.10           |
|               | Gross payroll                           | <u>\$10,062.65</u> |
|               | Total Fire expenses                     | \$10,727.75        |
| Police Fund:  | Accounts payable checks No. 4699-4723   | \$14,985.95        |
|               | Gross Payroll                           | <u>\$34,733.57</u> |
|               | Total Police Fund expenses              | \$49,719.52        |

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

**Correspondence:** Letter from Linda Jarvis in support of Chief Hagemeister was read.

**Treasurer's Report:** A financial Report was presented with the ending balances in the townships various funds as of April 30, 2023. General Fund \$1,971,984.77, Police Fund \$678,098.45, Fire Fund \$661,855.12, T&A \$8,050.00, Current Tax \$558.66.

Moved by Diefenbach, seconded by English to accept the Treasurer's Report into the minutes as of April 30, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

**Elected Official/Department Head Updates:**

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Mark Hagemeister reported that there were 20 MFR runs and 5 fire runs for the month of April. The mandatory FIT test is rescheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>. The new fire truck is expected to be completed in late July-early August.

Truck 12-51 will be taken to Masters Automotive on May 22 for repairs.

Lt. Redwood is setting up the I am Responding program.

Chief Hagemeister is seeking quotes for new turn-out gear.

The Ukraine donation fell through. The contact person no longer is responding to emails. Chief Hagemeister said Case Township in the U.P. could use the donation. A motion was made by Hazen and seconded by Diefenbach to donate the items to Case Township. They will be required to sign a waiver upon accepting the donation. Motion carried.

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

- Officers responded to a total of 276 calls for service for the month of April.
- Officers conducted a total of 91 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, 19 citations were issued for traffic violations, 7 traffic crash reports were handled by officers. Of those crashes, 6 were property damage and 1 was a personal injury accident. There were 3 drivers arrested by officers for operating while intoxicated.
- The dirt roadways in the Township have been greatly affected by all the rain and uptick in spring traffic. The Police ask that motorists drive slower and be more aware of bicyclists and motorcyclists.
- SRO Betts is slated to receive further training this summer.
- Property crimes remain low.
- Several officers have been to recent trainings both in person and also through Police 1 Academy.
- The Police Department wanted to thank everyone that supported the DTPD Operating Millage. The level of support was great to see.

**Unfinished business/new business**

**Road Work:** Motion made by Lowney, seconded by English to enter into an agreement with the Lapeer County Road Commission for mowing at a cost of \$7,671.96 and 3 applications of Dust Control for \$79,250.40. Motion carried.

**Resignation of Assistant Chief Keith Klobucar:** Motion made by English and seconded by Diefenbach to approve and ratify the recommendation of the Fire Chief for a 2-day suspension of Assistant Fire Chief Keith Klobucar based on the file documentation regarding the breathing tank incident and effective

May 16, 2023, to accept Assistant Fire Chief Klobucar's resignation. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lowney, Hazen, English, Papineau and Diefenbach. Nays: (0) Motion adopted.

Budget Hearings: Motion made by Hazen seconded by English to set the Budget workshops on June 8, 2023 Police Dept. 4pm, Fire Dept. 5pm; June 15, 2023 General Township @ 4 pm.

Public hearing set for June 22, 2023 @ 4 pm. Motion carried.

Fire Department Issues: Motion by Hazen, seconded by Diefenbach, to revise the Fire Chief recommendation of demotion of Jeffrey Evans from the fire department Captain to Lieutenant to, instead, a 30-day suspension without pay (with credit for time off for leave of absence since the recommendation), based on the fire department file documentation regarding the breathing tank incident. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lowney, Hazen, English, Diefenbach and Papineau. Nays: (0) Motion adopted.

Team workshop- Motion made by Hazen, seconded by Lowney to hire Lewis Bender to conduct a team expectation workshop for the Dryden Fire Department for \$3000 plus travel costs. Motion carried.

12-51 Nozzle repair: Motion made by Hazen, seconded by English to contract with Masters Automotive for \$1,982.12 to fix the nozzle assembly on truck 12-51. Motion carried.

Cemetery work: Motion to contract with MML Landscaping for Thornville Cemetery tree trimming for \$250.00 and Spring cleanup at the Memorial park for \$1600.00 made by Hazen, seconded by English. Motion carried.

Public Time: Jeff Evans spoke of his reinstatement and would like to meet with the board to further discuss the Fire Department issues.

Linda Starke mentioned her husband Ralph did not get paid for a couple of runs he went on. Chief Hagemester is aware of it and will look into it further.

Jennifer Burmann asked what the plan was for the FD and was given the information the board had on Lewis Bender.

Keith Klobucar stated that there are mental health issues as well within the FD.

Adjournment: Supervisor Papineau adjourned the meeting at 7:37 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  
May 9, 2023**