

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: Pamela and Mark Hagemeister, Police Sergeant Adam Chesnutt, John & Terri Olterman, Jim Diefenbach, Justin Evans, Michael & Tamara Ogg, Justin Gay, Norrice & Tim Bickes, Sandy Swientoniowski, Norm Smith, Kirk and Jennifer Burmann, Amy and Calleigh Barger, Justin Potter, Keith and Tammy Theobald, Ethyn Clark, Larry Tobin, Doug Travis, Ralph and Linda Starke, Mike and Cheryl Antushevich, Whitney and Jeff Evans, Melissa Randazzo, Linda Nehr, Blake Porter, Linda Jarvis, Jeff Hogan, Mike Plotzke, Jim Napolitano, Darrell Schultz, Travis White, Devon and Dustin Travis, Alen Graham, Bethann Oliver, Rosemary Evans, David Clements, Jennifer VanDam, Pete Kirley, and Kit Grabowski.

Public Comment: Pete Kirley from Lapeer County Veterans Affairs noted that the millage supporting Veterans Affairs expires in December. They plan to put the millage on the August Primary ballot. He stated that the wording will state that it is a “new millage” when it is in fact, a renewal. There are 5400 Veterans in Lapeer County.

Agenda:

Motion by English, seconded by Hazen to accept the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:

Moved by Lowney, seconded by Hazen, to approve the Regular meeting minutes of September 12, 2023 and the minutes of the Special meeting held September 7, 2023. Motion carried.

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

General Fund:	Accounts payable	\$38,366.50
	Gross payroll	<u>\$19,606.97</u>
	Total GF expenses	\$57,973.47
Fire Fund:	Accounts payable	\$13,412.24
	Gross payroll	<u>\$3,533.81</u>
	Total Fire expenses	\$16,946.05
Police Fund:	Accounts payable	\$7,355.92
	Gross Payroll	<u>\$39,392.23</u>
	Total Police Fund expenses	\$46,748.15

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

**Correspondence:** Lapeer County EMS report for August.

**Treasurer's Report:** A financial Report was presented with the ending balances in the townships various funds as of Sept. 30, 2023. General Fund \$1,786,845.60, Police Fund \$561,052.25, Fire Fund \$404,268.56, T&A \$7,362.50, Current Tax \$99,531.89.

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

**Elected Official/Department Head Updates:**

**Fire Department Report:** Supervisor Papineau read the Fire Dept report. It was reported that there were 21 MFR runs and 7 fire runs for the month of September.

**Police Department Report:** ~~Chief Peters~~ Sergeant Chesnutt presented the police report for the month of September, he reported the following,

- Officers responded to a total of 336 calls for service for the month of July.
- Officers conducted a total of 47 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, 18 citations were issued for traffic violations, 5 traffic crash reports were handled by officers. Of those crashes, 2 were property damage, and 3 were personal injury accidents. There was 1 driver arrested by officers for operating while intoxicated.
- Dryden Fall Fest went well. Officers did a good job of being visible and being interactive with the public.
- Property inspections have increased. Residents can contact the PD if they would like to sign up for this service.
- Part Time Clerk Beth Sohn has started her position and is doing well. She is learning the day-to-day operations.
- Part time Officer Rouse is progressing well in training.
- The department is currently researching equipment and pricing for the upfit of the 2023 Ford F150 Police Responder that is on order.

**Unfinished business/new business**

**Township Septic Repair:** Motion made by English, seconded by Diefenbach to contract with JETT Pump in the amount of \$2,710.79 to replace the Barmesa pump and install a new valve. Motion carried.

**Fire Dept. Phone System:** Motion made by Diefenbach, seconded by Lowney to have a new phone system installed at the Fire Station by Evolving Technologies at a cost of \$1,492.60. Motion carried.

**Roof replacements at Police building and Fire Station 1:** Motion made by Hazen, seconded by English to hire Blue Lakes Professional Construction, LLC to replace the roof at the Police Dept. and the roof at Fire Station 1 at a total cost of \$37,596.15. Motion carried.

**Budget amendment:** Motion made by Hazen, seconded by Lowney to amend the budget GL numbers and names to correctly reflect the retirement benefit line items. Motion carried.

**Election Equipment purchase:** Motion made by Hazen, seconded by Lowney to purchase election equipment at a cost of \$11,347.20. Motion carried.

Resignation of Fire Chief: Chief Hagemeister requested the board go into Closed Session. Motion made by Diefenbach, seconded by Hazen to go into Closed Session to discuss complaints about and the possible dismissal of Mark Hagemeister from the Dryden Fire Dept. Roll call vote: Ayes: Hazen, English, Papineau, Lowney and Diefenbach. Nays: none.

Township board went into Closed Session at 7:26 pm.

End Closed Session: Motion made by Hazen seconded by Diefenbach to come out of closed session at 8:17 pm. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lowney, Hazen, English, Papineau and Diefenbach. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark Hagemeister stated he wished to move forward with his resignation to the board. Motion made by Diefenbach, seconded by Hazen to accept the resignation of Mark Hagemeister. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Hazen, Papineau, Diefenbach and Lowney. Nays: English. Motion carried.

Fire Department business: Motion made by Hazen, seconded by Lowney to start the application and hiring process for the Fire Chief position. Motion carried.

Public Time: Members of the public, many of whom were firefighters, want to have more communication with the board regarding Fire Dept issues and some involvement with the hiring process by means of panels and/or committees.

Mike Ogg rescinded his resignation and will continue as Asst. Fire Chief.

Adjournment: Supervisor Papineau adjourned the meeting at 8:50 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  
October 10, 2023**