

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, Justin Evans, Michael & Tamara Ogg, Justin Gay, Norm Smith, Ralph and Linda Starke, Whitney and Jeff Evans, Dick English, Rosemary Evans, Sandy Swientoniowski, Kirk Burmann, Jim Napolitano, Mike Antushevich, Blake Porter, Jackie Blatt, and Ben Gagnon.

Public Comment: None

Agenda:

Motion by Hazen, seconded by English, to accept the Agenda with the addition of F. Snow Plowing and G. Hire of Firefighters. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:

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

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

General Fund:	Accounts payable	\$28,883.51
	Gross payroll	<u>\$17,832.42</u>
	Total GF expenses	\$46,715.93
Fire Fund:	Accounts payable	\$8,649.81
	Gross payroll	<u>\$4,107.52</u>
	Total Fire expenses	\$12,757.33
Police Fund:	Accounts payable	\$14,823.08
	Gross Payroll	<u>\$39,503.84</u>
	Total Police Fund expenses	\$54,326.92

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

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: A financial Report was not available at the time of the meeting. The November Revenue and Expenditure Report was presented. Treasurer Lowney explained the current raise in taxes.

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

Elected Official/Department Head Updates:

Fire Department Report: Interim Assistant Fire Chief Mike Ogg read the Fire Dept report. It was reported that there were 16 MFR runs and 4 fire runs for the month of November.

November trainings: 11/6 Airway vent/portable light Training: 38% participation
11/9 Chimney fire training: 62% participation

- Safety data sheets at both stations have been updated.
- Ordered Airvac filters for both stations.
- FF Gear sent out for miscellaneous repairs.
- Pictures with Santa and the lighted parade went smoothly this year.
- Furnace for main portion of the building was repaired.
- The roof has been replaced.
- The Department will take part in the annual Shop with a Hero program on December 12th.

Asst. Chief Ogg commended Office Administrator Jackie Blatt for the fantastic job she is doing.

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

- Officers responded to a total of 304 calls for service for the month of November.
- Officers conducted a total of 50 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, 13 citations were issued for traffic violations, 26 traffic crash reports were handled by officers. Of those crashes, 24 were property damage, and 2 were personal injury accidents. Officers arrested 2 drivers for operating while intoxicated.
- The Department will take part in the annual Shop with a Hero program on December 12th. The Department will be sponsoring 2 children and their families for our community to take part in the event that is put on each year by Meijer in Lapeer. Our department and the Lapeer County Chiefs of Police also provide a food basket to each family.
- The property inspection list is growing. You may see officers checking homes in your neighborhood. If you would like your home checked please reach out to our office.
- The 2023 Ford F150 patrol unit has been decaled. Equipment has yet to be delivered. It should be upfitted within in the next month.
- Car-deer accidents are spiking as they normally do this time of year. Please drive slow especially in the hours around dawn and dusk.
- New Part time Officer Austin Seybert has been sworn in and is now in training with the department.

Unfinished business/new business

Purchase of new Police Computer: Motion made by Lowney, seconded by Hazen to approve the purchase of a new Dell computer for the Police Dept. not to exceed \$800. Motion carried.

2024 Schedule of Meetings: Motion made by Lowney, seconded by English to accept the 2024 Schedule of meetings. Motion carried.

Board Appointments: Motion made by English, seconded by Diefenbach to accept the re-appointment of David Clements to the Planning Commission and Bill Peters to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

Fire Dept building repair: Motion made by Hazen, seconded by Lowney to contract with Blue Lakes Professional Construction LLC to repair the siding on Fire Station 1 at a cost of \$2,146.00 Motion carried.

Fire Chief Position: Motion made by Hazen, seconded by Lowney to extend an offer of employment to James Stevenson provided he passes a background check and physical. Public discussion was allowed. There was concern over his residency as he lives in Macomb Township. Rosemary Evans requested that it be noted that she questioned who Mr. Stevenson is related to on the board. He is not related to any Dryden Township Board member. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0.
Motion Carried.

Snow Plowing: Motion made by English, seconded by Hazen to contract with Ray Evans and Sons Excavating LLC for the 2023-2024 winter season. Motion carried.

Hire of Firefighters: Motion made by Hazen, seconded by English to hire Matt and Jacob VanDam as firefighters pending clear background checks and physicals. Motion carried.

Public Time: Norm Smith commented on the fiber optic lines that were installed and wished they were for better internet service.

Jeff Evans asked when the Township Boards terms of office were up.

Adjournment: Supervisor Papineau adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Tina Papineau
Dryden Township Supervisor

Kimberly Diefenbach, CMMC
Dryden Township Clerk

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023**