

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 Mark Lechlitter

Public in attendance: Jim Diefenbach, Jeff Evans, Terri & John Olterman, Fire Chief Jim Stevenson, Police Chief Shawn Peters, April & Lyle Smith, Norman Smith, S. Swientoniowski, M. Bohm Neuman, Ralph and Linda Starke and Jennifer Burmann.

Public Comment: None.

Agenda:

Motion by Hazen, seconded by Lowney, to accept the Agenda with the addition of H. Mowing. Motion carried.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Moved by Lowney, seconded by Hazen, to approve the Regular meeting minutes of March 12, 2024 and the Special meeting minutes of March 14, 2024. Motion carried.

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

General Fund:	Accounts payable	\$12,621.13
	Gross payroll	<u>\$22,817.63</u>
	Total GF expenses	\$35,438.76
Fire Fund:	Accounts payable	\$8,170.33
	Gross payroll	<u>\$4,787.79</u>
	Total Fire expenses	\$12,958.12
Police Fund:	Accounts payable	\$10,176.42
	Gross Payroll	<u>\$36,025.93</u>
	Total Police Fund expenses	\$46,202.35

Moved by English, seconded by Hazen, 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 \$2,032,113.73; Fire \$707,893.62; Police \$806,001.17; Trust and Agency \$6,887.50; Tax \$83,625.46.

Moved by Diefenbach, seconded by English to accept the Treasurer's Report into the minutes as of March 31, 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 17 MFR calls and 7 fire calls for the month of February.

March 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.
- The Pancake Breakfast with The Easter Bunny went well.
- Approved Equipment from last month has been coming into the Fire Dept.
- Attended Kindergarten round-up.
- Fire prevention presentations with Boy Scouts and home-schooling group.
- Annual Fire Testing was completed by Thumb Alarm.
- Working with Township on starting the New Resident Packages.
- Dates for composite Pictures to be October 24-26.
- Getting Fire Rescue 1 Academy up and running. Should be in the next week or two.
- All new attire has been distributed to the FD members.
- 4 members are waiting to be fitted for their new turnout gear.
- ID Badge information has been submitted.

Upcoming events:

- April Trainings: 11<sup>th</sup> Reports, Forms & documentation
- 18<sup>th</sup> SLICERS
- 20<sup>th</sup> VFIS Drivers Training
- April- 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>- Fire Prevention Week at the Schools.

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

- Officers responded to a total of 382 calls for service for the month of March.
- Officers conducted a total of 74 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, 15 citations were issued for traffic violations, 12 traffic crash reports were handled by officers. Of those crashes, 4 were property damage, 7 were involving deer, and 1 resulted in personal injury. Officers arrested 1 driver for operating while intoxicated.
- Spring Break has now passed for many township residents. During that time many new homeowners utilized our services for vacation checks. Many others who winter ins southern states are now returning home. We are happy to report that there have been no major issues regarding any of our listed checks.
- With warmer weather approaching, April being National Distracted Driving Month, officers will have an increased presence on area roadways in hopes of keeping our community safe.
- Officers have been doing a great job being out in the community and being of service to area residents. We have had many citizens calling and stopping in to the DTPD thanking officer for going above and beyond in their efforts to help.

- We have had multiple part time officer positions posted for well over a month now. We currently have not received any applications. We will continue to try various methods to garner suitable potential applicants in hopes of filling the much-needed positions. We currently have 6 part time officers, with limited availability.
- Chief Peters has been working with the Village of Dryden on a new ORV ordinance. As of April 2, 2024, they now have an approved ordinance in effect allowing certain types of ORV traffic on village streets. Residents can contact the village office for further information if interested.

**Unfinished business/new business**

**Certificate of Deposit Resolution:** Motion made by Hazen, seconded by English to accept the Certificate of Deposit resolution. Motion carried.

**Police Patrol vehicle sale:** Motion made by Hazen, seconded by English to send the 2017 Ford Explorer to auction through Rowley's Auction. Motion carried.

**FD Equipment Purchase:** Motion made by Hazen, seconded by Lowney to purchase various equipment at a cost of \$14,399.85. This includes 200' Ice rescue rope, PROpak Foam injection, CIRCUL-Air Gear Dryer, air compressor, Storage racks, AC Hotsticks, and Crosslay cover. Motion carried.

**FD EMS Equipment purchase:** Motion made by Lowney, seconded by Diefenbach to purchase various EMS Equipment at a cost of \$2762.00. This includes Zoll AED Plus, 2 AED trainers, and mannequins. Motion carried.

**EMS Training:** Motion made by English, seconded by Hazen to approve SLICERS training at a cost of \$400. Motion carried.

**Fireworks- Baker 4117 Lake George:** Motion by Hazen, seconded by Lowney to approve the fireworks display at 4117 Lake George on June 22,2024 pending Fire Chiefs approval. Motion carried.

**Road Work:** Motion made by Diefenbach, seconded by English to approve \$161,262.25 on gravel and brine work on various roads in the Township. Motion carried.

**Mowing:** Motion made by Lowney, seconded by English to contract with MML Seasonal Services for mowing at the Fire Dept, The Depot and the Township grounds. Paid by cutting. Motion carried.

**Public Time:** April Smith introduced herself as candidate for Dryden Twp Clerk. She is currently the Village Deputy Clerk. She has experience with the BS&A software that is used at the Township.

Karen expressed concerns about the ORV ordinance that was passed in the Village.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Papineau adjourned the meeting at 7:41p.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  
April 9, 2024**