

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2020

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on April 13, 2020 at the Martin Village Office, 1609 North Main Street, Martin, Michigan.

Call to Order and Pledge to Flag: President Brinkhuis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Roll Call: Members present: Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Doezema, Kelsey, Hunt, Dykstra, Flower, Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Absent: Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: None

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Hunt and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. MDOT Grant Application – Information received from Doorlag at Wightman regarding the potential for a grant. Clerk Doezema passed the information on to Street Commissioner Hunt to review.
2. Consumer’s Request for ROW Permits – Member Flower discussed this request that came by email. Member Hunt will work with him on it on Tuesday.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She highlighted the purchase of the lawn bags, the equipment for the fire department, and the payment to lockmaster. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to approve the report for March 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Rambadt verified that the Council still wants him to order the speed signs that were approved in March.
2. **Public Works:** Member Hunt discussed DPW, which continues to operate cleaning streets and filling potholes. Member Doezema discussed vacation time for full time employees. After a discussion with our DPW she suggested that there needs to be a more detailed policy written for when vacation is earned, when it can be cashed out, and when the year starts. The current DPW employee has a vacation year that begins with the Village fiscal year. At this time, he has cashed out all vacation and has neither vacation nor sick time on the books. DPW employee is aware that there is no paid time off available for the remainder of the fiscal year, except for paid holidays.
3. **Streets:** Member Hunt reported that street sweeping, street repair, and manhole repair have all be arranged but until restrictions are lifted by the state, none of the work can be done.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that meter reads were actual, rather than estimated. Most customers had readings as expected but a few had unusual readings. Member Flower is working with customers who have a large discrepancy. Member Flower discussed the Brinkhuis property, which was sold to Van Elderen Inc. After reviewing our Ordinance and speaking with the Allegan County Health Department, Brinkhuis has the go-ahead to drill a well on his property as opposed to hooking up to Village water. A new water line would be in excess of 200 ft. from the road.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Discussion on the Memorial Day parade. The Council will wait until the May meeting to decide whether or not to have a parade and ceremony afterward.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Bart Boss, Debra Wobma, Eugene Roberts, Raymond Warner, and Lewis Huisman.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk