

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 9, 2018**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on April 9, 2018 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, Hunt, Flower, Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Absent: Kelsey, Wykstra

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2018, and the minutes of the special meeting of March 17, 2018, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Tom McLaughlin, Rick Martin, and Don Black, County Commissioner. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Rick Martin just stopped in to say “hello” to the Council and to ask when road work will happen. There is lots of vibration near his house and he is concerned about the sewer lines. President Brinkhuis speaks to the road contractor often and they will assess the surface under the asphalt when it is milled. Work will happen as soon as possible. Tom McLaughlin discussed plans to tear down his existing garage and put up a larger pole barn. He provided drawings for the Council to consider. His plan involves a building up to 32’ x 40’, which exceeds allowable size and will be 5 ft. from the south boundary of the property, but still an acceptable distance from neighbors to the east and west. PCI provided all necessary information and recommendations for a variance. Council discussed the need to get approval from the school on the south boundary. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Rambadt, to approve the variance for a larger building closer to the south property line, contingent on approval by the school. Motion carried.

**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. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter – provided for Council review
2. Thank you card from Fred Bogdan, for gift card in appreciation of web duties
3. Mary Whiteford legislative update – provided for Council review
4. Letter from resident Linda Gale – Clerk Doezema discussed the concerns in the letter from Linda Gale, regarding the condition of the road and the noise. She answer Gale in an email. Further discussion regarding whether we can restrict the size of trucks going through town. The understanding is that because it is a Class A road, we cannot. After

the road work is done, if there is no let up in the speed of trucks, we will contact the county to provide a police presence.

### **Financial Items:**

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Clerk Doezema gave the report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for March 2018 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

### **Department Updates/Reports:**

- 1. Public Safety:** Council members have notice an increased police presence in the Village, with cruisers seen at the United Methodist Church parking lot and the school.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt discussed the need for a portable generator for the traffic light. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Rambadt, to purchase a generator from Steensma for \$912.00. Motion carried.
- 3. Streets:** Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to accept an estimate from Asphalt Restoration for up to \$4000.00 to do spring road repairs. Motion carried.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the recent SAW Grant meeting awarding the construction bid to B&L Construction. They were the lowest bidder; however, Wightman & Associates is not happy with some aspects of the bid. They will review it in detail and have the Council convene a special meeting to approve it or a revised bid from the other companies. Member Flower also discussed the sewer meeting with Plainwell to discuss the results of recent sampling required by the NOV. No conclusions have been made, except that the high TSS levels in question were probably a result of a sampling anomaly.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Doezema discussed the upcoming Memorial Day parade and asked if the Council had any recommendations for Grand Marshal. She recommended the J. C. Wheeler Library, which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year this year. The library staff could represent the library.

8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.

9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the recent commissioner meeting. He highlighted the following items: for the May meeting, piping water from Lake Michigan to Allegan Co. communities will be on the agenda, and the economic development efforts for the county will partner with Lakeshore Advantage, providing more resources and eliminating the director position.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Scott Grinage, Katie Hildebrand, Kimberly Shipley, Aaron Phillips.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Hunt and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk