

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2019

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on August 12, 2019 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. 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 July 8, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Rick Cain, 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.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Member Flower asked to add "Lions Club request" to New Business. Motion made by Member Hunt and supported by Member Flower to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She noted that we are spending a lot of money each month to have Perceptive clean out the north lift station. Contact needs to be made with Little Gem owner to have them put word out to their residents. Member Kelsey also reported that our bank contact, Rhonda Parsons, retired on Friday. Motion made by Member Flower, supported by Member Hunt, to approve the report for July 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. She presented an invoice and check for work done by Ed's Truck Repair. Ed was not able to completely repair the truck and he suggested that we pay him less than invoiced. Discussion by Council that we should pay the full invoice and send a letter to explain. Doezema will send the letter. Motion made by Member Rambadt, supported by Member Dykstra, to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Rambadt reported that occasionally residents complain to him about the speed of vehicles on East Allegan. He has repeatedly suggested they attend a Council meeting and discuss the issue. Thus far no one has attended.
2. **Public Works:** Member Hunt had no report. Member Doezema will contact Honeytree Nursery to see when they are going to cut down the dying Maple tree.
3. **Streets:** Member Hunt reported that the salt contract has been set and we will be contacted to purchase 50 ton of salt at just under \$77 per ton, a great deal. President Brinkhuis questioned why there are still limbs on W. Allegan to be picked up. Member Hunt will address the issue with DPW, to pick them up Tuesday. Discussion on a noisy manhole on E. Allegan. The contractors will be contacted to discuss a repair.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that Lead and Copper testing letters will be going out soon. He also reported that the USDA loan application is on track.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain reported on the funding issues facing the medical care facility at Dumont Lake area. He also discussed options for security entrances at the courthouse.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. September meeting – As always, the meeting falls on the day of the parade at the fair. Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Hunt, to move the September meeting to Monday, September 16. Motion carried.
2. Van Elderen sidewalk – President Brinkhuis reported that Van Elderens wish to put in a sidewalk from the (former) Wykstra Oil to their plant on the north side of E. Allegan. The Council had no objection and recommended that Van Elderen coordinate with President Brinkhuis and PCI, to ensure the sidewalk is done to code.
3. Member Flower brought a request from the Lions Club, whereas they would like to put a clothing/shoe donation bin in the Village as a fundraiser. The Council agreed to locate it

near the paper shed with the understanding if it becomes a messy eyesore, it will be removed.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Ruth Hempen, Dorothy Burdette, Paul Straus, Maggie Giles, Jerry Bellgraph.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk