

**Village of Martin  
Regular Meeting  
December 9, 2019**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on December 9, 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, Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Absent: None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** No visitors

**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

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Flower to approve the report for November 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. 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 discussed a quote for solar powered speed signs. Discussion on this issue, which has been on the agenda before. Member Rambadt will get information together by the January meeting and the Council will decide whether to pursue or not.

2. **Public Works:** Member Hunt discussed the two people that are on call to assist with DPW work, but not as actual employees. Both have filled out Sole Proprietor forms. Member Hunt will work with the DPW to use these individuals as necessary to ensure good snow removal and other work is done.
3. **Streets:** Member Hunt reported that Clean Earth has been in town doing the annual drain cleaning, although a bit later than usual. He reported on a local concern about signage near the school alerting to the presence of children. Discussion on how to make the area safer. Member Doezema will start by contacting MDOT for requirements. It was noted that there has been an increased police presence in the Village and tickets are being issued.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the recent joint sewer meeting. President Brinkhuis asked whether we have gotten any information from Perceptive about management of the water system. Member Doezema will contact them again for that. Member Flower reported that he and Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis have been conducting training so she can fill in when he is absent in January and February. Utility bills will be estimated during those two months, if necessary.
5. **Finance:** Member Doezema discussed the budget and that it is on track, except for one small expenditure we had not planned for. Motion by Member Rambadt, supported by Member Kelsey, to amend budget GL 202-200-805.001 from \$0 to \$100. Motion carried.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the recent parade. Member Dykstra discussed a traffic issue during the parade and ways to better block off the street.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. DPW Bonus – Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Rambadt, to give DPW worker a \$200 Christmas Bonus. Motion carried.
2. Newspaper subscriptions – Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to subscribe to the Kalamazoo Gazette and Allegan County News. They will research whether to subscribe on-line. Motion carried.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Janis “John” Davidisons, Dorothy Warner, Roger Hilts, Don Solomon

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk