

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2020

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on December 14, 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 8:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Roll Call: Members present: Brinkhuis, Doezema, Kelsey, Dykstra, Martin, Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Absent: None Virtual: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2020 and Special meeting of December 1, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Ryan Bouwman and Sara DeHaan. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Ryan and Sara introduced themselves and expressed an interest in getting involved with the Village Council and village affairs, possibly as Trustee appointees.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. Thank you card from Carol McPherson

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 Dykstra to approve the report for November 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema, highlighting the payments for the lift station project. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
3. **Budget planning:** Member Doezema reminded the Council that we will schedule our budget workshop for one evening after the January 11th meeting. She asked that committee chairs think about the projects they may need to fund and to request more information from her if needed.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** President Brinkhuis discussed committee assignments, with Member Dykstra as the chair of the Public Safety committee. Information passed to Member Dykstra included information regarding the traffic signal and the contract with City of Wyoming to fix any issues and the location of the keys to the box (fire department and Village office). Further discussion on a truck driver who is requesting to park his truck overnight in the Village lot. At this time, it is not recommended that he do so. Too many trucks will impact snow removal. Member Dykstra will contact him.
- 2. Public Works:** As chair of Public Works and Streets, Member Martin reported on his recent meeting with DPW. They discussed snow removal plans and clearing sidewalks. There was a recent back up of the storm drain pump near the fire station, highlighting a need to service the pump. On that day, DPW did get it working again. Member Martin will contact a contractor to service the pump. Recently the fire department had to provide traffic control due to accidents resulting in a closure of US131. They did a great job. Member Martin is going to buy some high visibility coats for the DPW. The light by the fuel tank has been installed. Discussion on a Christmas bonus for DPW. Motion by Member Martin, supported by Member Doezema, to give the two DPW workers each a \$150 bonus. Motion carried.
- 3. Streets:** The Council discussed possible back up plans for snow removal, which will be coordinated between President Brinkhuis and Member Martin. Martin reported that all equipment is ready for snow removal. At this time we will hold off until later in the season to order salt.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** President Brinkhuis is now the chair of the Sewer/Water committee. Other committee members are Doezema, Martin, and Jen Brinkhuis as alternate. Member Doezema presented a USDA disbursement request for \$9241.70. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to sign and submit the request to USDA for reimbursement. Motion carried. Doezema will follow up with USDA. President Brinkhuis assured the council that the committee is handling all the business that Don Flower used to take care of. There will be a monthly committee meeting for the foreseeable future. President Brinkhuis also discussed delinquent sewer/water bills. For most of 2020 we have not been able to shut off water for non-payment, but that will change soon. Most residents have stayed relatively current on their bill. Member Doezema or Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis will give periodic reports on who is severely delinquent.

5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** No report.

Old Business:

New Business: Member Doezema discussed the mailing to all residents regarding changes at the Village office, a newsletter, and the Allegan County News article about Don Flower. She asked for edits to the information proposed to send out, no later than Friday, December 18.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Donald Flower, Theodore Mattingly Jr, Thomas Davis, Randy Konecny, John Andrysiak

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Martin to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk