

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 10, 2018**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on December 10, 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 8:00 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 Hunt and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 15, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner, Mark Harris, Contractor, and Phil Doorlag, Wightman. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Harris addressed the Council and discussed issues he had with completing the main lift station project. As it is, his company is being assessed \$14,000 in liquidated damages due to not completing the contract on time. He wanted the Council to know that he doesn't think the damages are fair because of issues with Consumers Power and equipment delivery. Council will take it under advisement and make a decision later. Phil Doorlag discussed his and Wightman's views on the liquidated damages and why they feel it is fair. He recommended we approve the Contract Modification as written. As well, Harris Conag will not finish the parking lot until Spring, but Wightman will provide a write up that protects the Village against them not finishing. President Brinkhuis weighed in that he feels the contract modification and liquidated damages are fair, especially in light of the fact that the contractor started late and didn't take many things into consideration when he bid, and that there was very little after hours activity seen to get the job done on time.

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda. President Brinkhuis added an item on liquid snow melt, to be discussed in the Streets section. Motion made by Member Rambadt 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
2. Member Flower reviewed an estimate from Boniface to replace the furnace for \$2900 or to replace the heat exchanger for free, which is under warranty. He will sign the estimate for the free heat exchanger to be done when Boniface has time. The furnace is still working.

## **Financial Items:**

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to approve the report for November 2018 as submitted. Motion carried. Treasurer Kelsey reported on a recent meeting with United Bank to discuss CD rates and FDIC insurance, as well as a program called CDARS, which the Township uses. After questions raised, she will revisit the issue with United and make recommendations at the next meeting.
- 2. Budget Review:** Member Doezema distributed some recommendations for budget amendments to be voted on during the Finance section.
- 3. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis, highlighting the MISS Dig annual fee, payment for holiday decorations, and the siren maintenance. Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Doezema to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

## **Department Updates/Reports:**

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Dykstra reported that Dr. Harnish, MPS Superintendent, would like to put "no parking" signs and yellow markers on Templeton Street to discourage parents from parking along the road when they pick up their children. Discussion on whether the Council can authorize that or should we check with MDOT first. Member Doezema will contact MDOT and find out. Member Flower discussed the CMAQ Smart Light which we thought we were on track to receive in 2020. At a recent Rural Task Force meeting he found out that we are not on the schedule. He will follow up with Wightman and find out why not, as they were tasked with submitting for the light. President Brinkhuis reported that he will attend the Martin Township board meeting to see how they will handle the need for a recreational marijuana ordinance, which Don Black said is now necessary to either prohibit or allow the sales. Member Doezema will contact an attorney to see what we legally must do.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt discussed the end of season leaf pick up and why the DPW was not able to get them all. Part of the problem was that residents did not pile leaves close enough to the road for the vacuum to reach and also that they raked too late for pick up. Member Hunt discussed Christmas bonuses for the DPW, who have done a fine job again this year. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to give DPW each \$200 bonus again this year. Motion carried.
- 3. Streets:** President Brinkhuis discussed trying a new product offered by Arnsmann, of a liquid snow melt. Brinkhuis has a tank and Arnsmann will rig up a sprayer for us to try the product before buying. Salt and related products are in short supply this year and we have yet been unable to buy more, and may run out. This product is used at Hopkins school with great results.

4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that he and Doezema attended the quarterly joint sewer meeting, but there was nothing new to report.
  
5. **Finance:** Member Doezema presented the budget amendment recommendations. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to amend the budget as follows:
  - GL#101-101-805 (audit) from \$2300 to \$2330
  - GL#101-101-910 (insurance) from \$2500 to \$2538
  - GL#101-441-910 (insurance) from \$3600 to \$4067
  - GL#203-463-702 (wages) from \$800 to \$807
  - GL#203-463-775 (maintenance) from \$2000 to \$2056Motion carried. Budget amended.
  
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
  
7. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
  
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
  
9. **County Commissioner:** Don Black is attending his last meeting. He will email his final synopsis for the Council. The Council expressed their gratitude for his years of service. He also provided County Clerk Genetski's annual report.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Joyce Seekman Leslie, Sierd Hoekstra

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried. The meeting time returns to 7 p.m. in January.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk