

**Village of Martin  
Regular Meeting  
February 11, 2019**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on February 11, 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 Hunt and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Bob Genetski, Jeff Brinkhuis, Joe Brinkhuis, and Michael Schaafsma. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Michael reported that he is retiring and February 28 is to be his last day. He will check with SSA to see how much he can earn without jeopardizing his social security and help if we need him. Discussion on whether to hire a replacement. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Dykstra, to accept his resignation. Motion carried. Michael got a round of applause for all his service to the Village. Jeff brought water samples and a filter and asked why no resolution has been made to his water issue. Council discussed factors that have impaired our efforts to get answers. Member Doezema will contact Wightman engineers and track future efforts. Bob Genetski provided the Allegan County annual report and an update on the election from his office. He discussed the \$10 change in the passport fee, which he opposed, and the new records system in place.

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Flower to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Communications:** Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Thank you from the family of Jean Brinkhuis

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She also discussed the United Bank proposal regarding our checking and savings accounts. After further discussions with the bank, she will present her recommendations for certificates of deposit, to start in the new fiscal year. She also reported that our

money is all in protected accounts regardless of the balance. Member Doezema mentioned that the water tower bond payment is coming due and we need to move money from the Water Special savings to the Water Debt cash. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Rambadt, to move \$32,000 from Water Special savings to Water Debt cash in order to pay the bond. Motion carried. Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Flower to approve the report for January 2019 with corrected dates. Motion carried.

2. **Budget Review:** Member Doezema presented the updated budget spreadsheet and discussed changes that have been made after further review. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to accept the updated budget spreadsheet as presented. Motion carried.
3. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis, highlighting the annual BS&A payment, payment to Boniface for furnace repair, and the upcoming water tower bond payment. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey, to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

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

1. **Public Safety:** No report.
2. **Public Works:** No report.
3. **Streets:** Discussion on how much salt we have on hand and whether it will last the season. Member Hunt will discuss it with DPW. Member Dykstra has a contact where we can get salt in just a few days, if necessary. Member Hunt will also check prices and availability with other sources.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on efforts to resolve the Brinkhuis water issue. He is also working on budget figures for Sewer Funds and Water Funds, which he will have for the March meeting after meeting with the Sewer Committee.
5. **Finance:** Member Doezema presented 8 budget amendments as follows:

GL 101-101-710 – increase by \$100  
GL 101-101-802 – increase by \$530  
GL 101-101-956 – increase by \$2000  
GL 101-215-710 – increase by \$500  
GL 101-301-805 – increase by \$1300  
GL 101-441-956 – increase by \$200  
GL 202-463-775.001 – increase by \$5000  
GL 202-474-920 – increase by \$500  
GL 661-000-935 – increase by \$1000

Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Hunt, to adopt the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

**6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

**7. Civic Affairs:** No report.

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

**9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain not present.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to accept the proposal of attorney services from Jeffrey Sluggett. Motion carried. Sluggett is the attorney for the Township.
2. Discussion on the Marihuana ordinance. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Rambadt, to adopt Ordinance #65, prohibiting marihuana establishments and facilities in the Village. Roll call vote: Brinkhuis – yea, Rambadt – yea, Kelsey – yea, Dykstra – yea, Flower – yea, Hunt – yea, Doezema – yea. Nay – none. Absent – none. Ordinance adopted. Member Doezema will have the ordinance published in the newspaper.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Jean Brinkhuis, Florence Hoekstra, Jill Harris, Jack Fenton, Claude Pillars, Steve Leep

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk