

**Village of Martin  
Regular Meeting  
January 14, 2019**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on January 14, 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 Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Rick Cain, County Commissioner, Jeff Brinkhuis, Joe & Andrea Brinkhuis, Jon Schipper, Dan Neeson, Luke Keyzer. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Jon Schipper discussed the proposed addition to the Martin Reformed Church. President Brinkhuis and Member Flower had previously reviewed the plans and blueprints. PCI sent a letter agreeing to the plans, pending Council approval. The church will hook up to water, of which there is an existing tap. The Village engineering firm, Wightman and Associates, will be involved. Work will start in April. Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Rambadt, to approve the plans and allow the building permit. Motion carried. Member Flower will contact PCI. Jeff Brinkhuis discussed his water issues, providing samples of his water and a clogged filter. He has experienced problems for 2 years and expressed that he doesn't feel the Council has done enough to solve his issue. Neeson and Keyzer participated in the discussion to look for possible reasons for the water issue and resolutions. At this time, Jeff and Jen will monitor their water and make note of days and times it is discolored while the water employees do a twice daily flush of the dry hydrant. If that does not help the problem, the engineering firm will be engaged. County Commissioner Rick Cain discussed his first commissioner meeting. Jim Story is the new chair of the commission. Rick discussed that the Health Department plans to substantially raise their fees but it will be delayed for further review.

**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. Yeo & Yeo engagement letter – Council will use this firm for the audit. Clerk Doezema will sign the letter.

3. Marijuana Lunch & Learn – Dates presented. Member Kelsey and Member Doezema will attend.
4. Marijuana ordinance – Member Doezema will have a Village version for the Council to review
5. Charter information – Franchise is now with Spectrum
6. Mary Whiteford – Monthly newsletter

### **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 December 2018 as submitted. Motion carried. Member Kelsey also discussed the strategies for our accounts, which she is still formulating.
2. **Budget Review:** By consensus, the budget workshop will be held January 28, 2019 at 7 p.m. Dinner will be provided.
3. **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 reported that the new fence is completed.
2. **Public Works:** No report
3. **Streets:** Member Hunt discussed the need to remove the Lee Street sewer line obstruction and to repair the manhole by the DPW barn.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that he has not heard from Wightman about the USDA loan/grant request for the sewer lift stations. He will contact them. He further reported that recently the North lift station was filled and we called Arnsman to pump it out. There is an ongoing problem there with non-flushable items being flushed and clogging the pumps. He also discussed the violation from the DEQ we received for only collecting 5 lead and copper samples, rather than 10. Since 2009 we were instructed to only collect 5; however, the new rules call for 10. We have to resample in the summer. President Brinkhuis discussed the rocks vs concrete at the new lift station. He will check with Harris Con-Ag to see what they are planning to spend on the stones and compare that to what pouring concrete will cost.
5. **Finance:** No report. No budget amendments this month.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** No report.

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

9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain spoke earlier in the meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Hometown Decorations – Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to use this service again next year but to go with all LED lit wreaths for an increased cost to \$750/year. Motion carried.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Jeffrey Jackson, James Gingerich, Jerry Doublestien

**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