

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2019

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on July 8, 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 Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2019, and special meeting of June 27, 2019, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Josh Przygocki, representing State Senator Aric Nesbitt, and Rick Cain, County Commissioner. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Josh discussed recent legislation and work being done in Lansing.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda, requesting to add “Village sign” to Old Business. 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 – highlighting the Founders Day celebration July 13 and encouraging the Council members to attend
2. Ship to Shore – highlighting the hiring of a new superintendent and the search for a principal

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid, highlighting that we earned \$1300 in interest. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for June 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis, highlighting bills from Wightman, Steensma, Asphalt Restoration, SaniSweep, Dixon Engineering, and

Allegan County News.. Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** No report.
2. **Public Works:** Member Hunt reported that Tim informed him that he would like to become a part time employee in 2021, giving the Council time to discuss options. Member Hunt discussed the Marshal retention pond and the need to address it next year.
3. **Streets:** Member Hunt reported that the laser line painter is not working. We should consider contracting that work out next year and from now on, rather than fixing or replacing the current system. We could also consider contracting out other aspects of the DPW. He also reported that we could probably expect salt delivery in August.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower discussed the annual sewer rate increase. We currently charge \$8.40 per 1000 gallons and would need to raise to \$8.75 in order to keep up with Plainwell's increases. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Doezema, to increase the sewer rate to \$8.75 per 1000, effective in the next billing. Motion carried. Member Flower reported that the CCR has been submitted and sent to all customers. He also reported that lead and copper testing will be done soon, the water reliability study is nearly complete, and the water tower from Dixon was very good. A copy of the report will go to Wightman. The Sewer/Water committee will need to meet to discuss the recommendations made in the report and to formulate a plan.
5. **Finance:** Member Doezema reported that we have exceeded our budget on GL 101-441-956, Public Works Misc. Currently we pay Porter from this GL and would expect to incur more expenditures in the coming months. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to increase the budget for 101-441-956 from \$1500 to \$3500. 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 discussed an increase in services provided by Allegan County and that jail overcrowding is being addressed. In his opinion, too many people are sitting in jail pre-trial. That should be addressed before discussing building on to the jail.

Old Business: Member Doezema presented the proof of the proposed Village office sign which Cronen Signs is working on. The Council agreed with the layout of the sign.

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Jeff Lawler, Mark Meredith, James Gray

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Dykstra to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk