

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2018

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on July 9, 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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Roll Call: Members present: Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Doezema, Kelsey, Hunt, Wykstra, Flower.
Absent: Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:15 arrival) and State Representative Mary Whiteford. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Representative Whiteford distributed a legislative update and discussed work she is doing on behalf of Michigan. She highlighted the state budget, broadband concerns, mental health initiatives, and car insurance/medical concerns.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the agenda with additions/as presented. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Representative Whiteford monthly newsletter

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the report for June 2018 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Member Doezema answered questions and pointed out a necessary correction, under General Fund the amount for Wightman should be \$3575 and there should be a line item added for the Truth in Taxation advertisement for \$451.75. The Wightman bill should have been paid out of water, but because we bill the school and get the money right back, it will not

affect the end of year totals. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Wykstra discussed the need to flow test the hydrants in order to keep a good ISO rating. Perceptive can do it for approximately \$600. Motion by Member Rambadt, supported by Member Kelsey, to pay Perceptive to flow test the hydrants. Motion carried.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt discussed a request by DPW for modifications to the Ford truck, to put the leaf blower on the front of the truck and to get a new leaf box. Tuinstra estimates the work at approximately \$5000. President Brinkhuis is looking at some options for a ready-made leaf box. Discussion tabled until more information is forthcoming.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt is waiting for a call from PK Striping about redoing the cross walks at the traffic light and other striping. Member Flower met with Michigan Paving about the manholes. Work will begin next week on them. He also discussed the rebate coming from Consumers after they audited out street lights and realized we were paying for some not in the Village. Member Doezema discussed the new contract from Consumers and presented the resolution to accept it. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Flower, to enter into a one year contract, renewable annually, with Consumers Energy. Roll call vote – Yes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower recapped the recent SAW grant meeting regarding construction. All construction is due to start in August and be done by September 1. The SAW grant expires in October. Discussion on proposed sewer rate increase. Plainwell is raising their per 1000 rate to \$8.30. Traditionally, we raise the rate \$.10 over that, as does Otsego and other customer communities. It is possible that the SAW grant rate review will compel an additional increase. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Doezema, to increase the rate to \$8.40, starting at the next billing August 1. Metered charges in July will be at the new rate. Members Flower discussed concerned expressed by DPW leader Eichler. We need to determine water connections and lines at the new construction at school. Member Flower will follow up. We also need to hear from Dixon Engineering regarding the water tank repairs. Member Flower will follow up. There is a need to check the water connection/shut off at the new Brinkhuis house and also to check the Brinkhuis water meter location. Discussion on the backflow preventer compliance and the car wash. The car wash routinely does not comply. Member Doezema will follow up. Member Flower informed the Council that lead and copper testing will happen next week.

5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black distributed information on his June 14 and June 28 commission meetings, highlighting the vote on August 7 for the senior millage. He remarked on what a good job the Allegan County Senior Millage Committee has done, which includes our Member Kelsey.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. **Boysen Fund to Savings Account** – Member Doezema provided accounting of our use of the Boysen Fund and how much money is remaining. She recommended that we move it from the General Fund to a specific Community Promotion Fund. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Flower, to move \$32778.00 from General cash to Community Promotion savings. Motion carried.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: David Oetman, Robert Curry, James White

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk