

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2020

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on June 8, 2020 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.
Absent: Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Flower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2020 and special meeting of May 27, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Ryan DeWind & Annika Satter, and Jodie Gilson. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. DeWind is the owner of the former bank building and the former pharmacy. He discussed his plans for the buildings and his interactions with PCI regarding special use permits and variances, and just wanted a chance to meet with the Council. Jodie Gilson was interested in the parking situation when DeWind finishes his projects, to assure it would not interfere with business parking. He indicated that he was satisfied with what he heard and how the Village is proceeding.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Hunt to approve the agenda with additions of New Business “driveway and fuel tanks”. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. AC Board of Commissioner’s meeting – now being live streamed
3. Letter concerning sewer and water rates

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She highlighted that City of Plainwell did not bill us in May for the consent agreement and bioxide feed, so there will be two payments in June. She also discussed a discrepancy in how interest was presented on previous reports. A correction has been made on the report. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the report for May 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema, highlighting the reimbursement for Keene, the Shoppers Guide ad, the payment to Wightman for assisting on the MDOT grant submission, and the payment to Sluggett for work on the USDA loan application. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Dykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Rambadt reported that the speed signs have not arrived and he has not spoken with Allegan County about assisting in the installation.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt reported that our new employee, Keene, is doing a fine job. Eichler is training him. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to change Eichler's status to part-time. Motion carried. Eichler had requested to go to part time status in May but the Council was unable to do that until some restrictions were lifted regarding essential services and the Governors executive orders.
- 3. Streets:** Member Doezema discussed the "streets vs avenues" question that came up and whether our street signs are correct. She will attempt to get an answer from the 911 dispatch on the need to change them or not. Member Hunt discussed work done on the main drainage ditch and the storm sewer on N. 10th. Both jobs needed immediate attention and were not included in the budget. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to authorize the expenditures to fix both problems, using Van Laan Concrete, not to exceed \$8000 for the ditch and not to exceed \$10,000 for the storm sewer. Motion carried. Budget amendments will be made in the Finance portion of the agenda. President Brinkhuis discussed purchasing the fuel tank to enable the Village to have fuel on site. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Hunt, to purchase the fuel tank for up to \$3000 from J&H Oil. Motion carried.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the quarterly joint sewer meeting was cancelled for June. The next meeting will be in September. He reported discussing hydrant flushing with Dan Neeson, which should be accomplished soon. No firm date at this time. Member Flower reported on the shut off of the car wash, which was deemed necessary when Dover Farms crimped the sewer line from the car wash. Water service will be restored when the owner of the car wash settles with Dover Farms and when he pays his bill in full. Reports for the state have all been completed.
- 5. Finance:** Member Doezema discussed the budget and unexpected expenditures, creating the need to amend our original budget. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to amend GL #202-200-805.001 from \$100 to \$600, and to amend GL #202-463-775.001 from \$8000 to \$20,000. 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: Water Tower Contract – President Brinkhuis discussed conversations with Eric of Dixon Engineering and Eric’s recommendation of Fedewa to do the water tower repairs. Member Doezema listed the itemized estimates within the bid and the Council discussed them. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Rambadt, to accept the recommendation by Dixon Engineering of Fedewa to complete all water tower repairs outlined in the bid, except the overflow discharge pipe, which will just get a new screen rather than a change in the pipe. Motion carried.

New Business: Trail – Member Doezema distributed a document that would help establish a trail commission for the group attempting to build a bike trail from D Avenue to Byron Center, hooking up with two other trail systems. The Council was asked to review the document and to plan to make some decisions at the July meeting.

Driveway – Member Flower discussed a bid to widen the driveway to the Village office parking lot. If the fire department wants to use the new fuel tank the driveway would need to be widened. Item tabled until there are more discussions with the fire department and an internal study done to see what the cost savings would be and whether the Township would help pay for the driveway.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Sandi Withee, Ken Jager, Ken Talsma, James Boss, Jerry Oetman

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