

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 16, 2020**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 16, 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 Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2020, and the special meeting of March 9, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: None

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Doezema to approve the agenda with additions to New Business of (1) new employee and (2) pandemic. Motion carried.

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Mary Whiteford newsletter

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for February 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Budget Resolution:** Member Doezema presented Budget Resolution 2020-3-9 for General Appropriation Act for 2020-2021. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to accept and adopt Resolution 2020-3-9. Roll Call vote: Brinkhuis-Aye, Rambadt-Aye, Kelsey-Aye, Dykstra-Aye, Flower-Aye, Hunt-Aye, Doezema-Aye. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution declared adopted.

- 3. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Member Doezema. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

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

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Rambadt discussed the purchase of speed signs, tabled from February meeting. Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Hunt, to purchase 2 speed signs from K&K Systems, for up to \$6000. Purchase will be made in the new fiscal year. Discussion on the need for better signs near the school zone.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt discussed residents using the Village burn pile. This activity is NOT authorized. The land was recently sold and the Council has one year to work on a plan going forward. Member Hunt discussed annual raises for DPW and paid deputies. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Rambadt, to give a 3% raise starting April 1. Motion carried. Member Doezema presented the Spring Newsletter for review by the Council, asking that they contact her with any edits. She also discussed the request from DPW to move from plastic bags to paper yard waste bags. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to purchase one packet of bags for each home in the Village. Motion carried. Bags will be delivered with the newsletters. Member Doezema discussed a letter received asking for information about underground fiber optic cable. President Brinkhuis will contact the individual and discuss.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt discussed the salt needs for next year. We will try to order 25 T through our Mi Deal contract. Member Hunt also scheduled a meeting to discuss fixing manholes in town that rattle and a bid from asphalt restoration to do road repair. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Rambadt, to accept Asphalt Restoration proposal up to \$8000. Motion carried.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the quarterly sewer meeting with Plainwell. Plainwell is proposing doing additional testing to revise the MAHL and the SAL, which should raise the maximum limits for wastewater and possibly reducing fines. A decision will be made at the June meeting. Member Dykstra brought up the varnish coating on the water tower and whether we need to re-do it. President Brinkhuis will look into what we did originally. Member Doezema discussed information received regarding protecting our drinking water supply. At this time we will discuss with DPW and ensure we have an adequate supply of chlorine and Member Doezema will contact the supplier to ask about any disruption in service.
- 5. Finance:** Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to amend budget item 101-265-850 from \$4000 to \$5100. Motion carried. Budget amended to account for unforeseen expenditures regarding computer operations and security.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

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

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

**9. County Commissioner:** No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** (1) Member Hunt discussed hiring a part time employee. Interviews were conducted with Mike Keene. Council members reviewed his qualifications and application. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Rambadt, to hire Mike Keene in a part-time, no benefit, status beginning March 23 at \$17/hour, with no guarantee of amount of hours to work. Motion carried. (2) The Council discussed the pandemic and restrictions placed by the government. At this time the Village office will be open for official business only, with the door remaining locked so access will be granted individually. Office personnel will work as needed in separate areas and avoid contact. Also, the Council discussed the need to support our local businesses and that the Clipper Café will be open for pick up service.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Barbara Strobridge (1938 MHS graduate) and Charles Andrysiak.

**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