

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2018**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 12, 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, 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 February 12, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Martin Township Planning Commission Letter – Received a letter offering a copy of the Township Master Plan when it is updated. Clerk Doezema will send a letter requesting a copy.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid, highlighting that some of our annual payments are included such as BS&A support, MML, and the rail crossing maintenance. She also reported that there is only \$3545.10 due in outstanding taxes. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for February 2018 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis, highlighting the SAW Grant bills. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
3. **Truth in Taxation:** Member Doezema suggested we table this until May or June, due to the lack of information available. In the future, the Council will always plan to hold a

public hearing unless data dictates otherwise. The next public hearing will be in May or June, with the appropriate publication in advance.

4. **Resolution 2018-3-9 General Appropriations Act:** Member Doezema presented the budget information, combined by department and fund, outlining fund balances and available money to appropriate. Member Doezema offered Resolution 2018-3-9 for adoption, supported by Member Kelsey. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution declared adopted.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** No report.
2. **Public Works:** Member Hunt reported that the DPW has been very busy putting up signs and filling potholes. They also are researching a leaf box accessory that will make leave pick up easier with only 2 people. Recently DPW employee Eichler presented a list of suggestions for the Council to consider. Member Hunt reviewed these with the following recommendations: 1. DPW recommended that the Township provide their own tractor and personnel during the Trash Day. Council plans to keep this a joint effort and will provide equipment and manpower. 2. DPW requests that the Township start mowing the Memorial Park. Council plans to continue to provide this service to the Township. 3. DPW recommended that we replace all the sidewalks in an effort for continuity. Council will replace larger sections for only charge residents for the sections that are deemed unsafe. On that note, we will schedule sidewalk replacement for the fall. Discussion on metal and other materials currently being stored that are not needed. DPW will inventory them and look at disposal or selling. Discussion on whether to continue to store the old fire truck in the water tower. At this time, the Council will leave it there. Discussion on annual raises for DPW, Member Doezema reported that the social security cost of living for 2017 was only .3%. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to give DPW a 3% raise starting April 1, 2018. Motion carried.
3. **Streets:** Member Hunt reported on the incoming bids for the proposed resurfacing of East & West Allegan Streets. Still waiting on some information but he will pull together a meeting to decide which company to use, hopefully by the end of the week. President Brinkhuis suggested that an earlier start can also be a deciding factor. Member Hunt reported that several of the companies inferred that they would be doing it early in the year. Discussion on the Marshall Plastic road and the need to repair it. Member Wykstra suggested that we have Pavement Restoration give us an estimate.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the recent joint sewer meeting, which had no significant items for Martin. He did report on receiving a summary from Matt Davis that may address out high strength waste issue. A meeting will be set up soon to discuss it before meeting with Plainwell. The easement for the new lift station will be discussed at the Martin Township meeting on Wednesday, March 14. President Brinkhuis will attend.

Member Flower further reported that he is scheduling maintenance on the wellhouse generator for approximately \$1500.

5. Finance: No report.

6. Ordinance and Policy: No report.

7. Civic Affairs: Member Doezema reported that a meeting for the River to River trail is scheduled from March 14 if anyone wants to attend. She will be attending. She also reported that the annual Council Appreciation Dinner will be held April 19, starting at 6 p.m. at Four Roses Café. More details to come.

8. Five Year Planning: No report.

9. County Commissioner: County Commissioner Don Black distributed a synopsis of his March 8, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting. He discussed the upcoming August vote for a Commission on Aging millage and the continuing discussion of tapping Lake Michigan for future use within the state.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Charlotte (Henry) Sevigny.

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

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk