

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2019

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 11, 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 Rambadt and supported by Member Flower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Rick Cain, County Commissioner, Tom McLaughlin, and Jon Schipper. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Tom McLaughlin first commented on what a great job Tim and Mike did this winter. He also discussed the flooding in his yard, which he wondered if it had anything to do with the road work last year. Much discussion resulted in the Village thinking his flooding is more due to frozen ground and nowhere for melting snow to go. There has not been significant rain to cause flooding. Member Rambadt will assess the situation on Tuesday and do some pumping if necessary, as Tom is going on vacation and is worried about his basement. Jon Schipper discussed the progress on the firehall project. He had suggestions made by their engineer on drainage. Village will follow up with Wightman engineer Phil Doorlag and see what his thoughts are. Rick Cain discussed the County Commission regarding the Headlee Override and asked the Village to think about County services and what is being provided, whether it is sufficient or not. He also reported that the County is discussing whether to put Resource Officers in each school district and what the cost would be.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Hunt and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the agenda with as presented. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She discussed her recent meeting with United Bank and progress toward opening CDS. She and Member Doezema will work with United Bank to determine the appropriate amount to hold in checking, savings, and CDS. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the report for February 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Budget Resolution:** Member Doezema presented Budget Resolution 2019-3-4 for General Appropriation Act for 2019-2020. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Hunt, to accept and adopt Resolution 2019-3-4. 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 Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** No report.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt presented a quote from Hoyt Builders to do all aspects of the pole barn bathroom project for \$11,800. The Council asked to table the vote and project until the new budget year, in April. Discussion on hourly pay. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to give hourly employees (DPW and Deputy Clerk) a 3% raise, starting on April 1. Member Flower has refused a raise again this year.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt reported that the snowblower is being repaired and that Marshall Pond looks like it could be a problem as far as drainage is concerned. We will keep an eye on it. He further reported that DPW has begun filling in pot holes and that we will pay Rob Porter \$10/hour as a contractor as needed to assist DPW.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the Joint Sewer meeting, which was uneventful. Member Doezema discussed the water issue at Jeff Brinkhuis' house. There was a committee meeting on Saturday with the homeowner, Doug Hilton, and the Village water department. Discussion resulted in a determination that the Village is fulfilling its obligation of providing potable water at sufficient pressure. The discoloration issues seem to stem from a combination of internal problems and that the Village did not flush the hydrants and water lines in the fall, resulting in increased sediment in the water. Hydrants will be flushed in April and the situation watched more closely. Member Flower reported that the DEQ came for a 3 year survey and informed us we need a Capital Improvement plan and an updated Reliability study for the water system.

5. **Finance:** Member Doezema presented 7 budget amendments totaling \$11,800. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to approve the budget amendments. 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 provided his report during the visitor comments.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. AA Meetings – Member Doezema recently spoke to Rob Porter who was approached about finding a location for the local AA meetings, previously held at the United Methodist Church. The Council would want more information but unless a council member is willing to be on site during the meetings, they could not be held at the Village office.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Aline Talsma, Gary Dalrymple, Maynard Knight

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk