

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2018

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on May 14, 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 Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2018 and the special meeting of April 18, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner, Rick Cain, candidate for County Commissioner, and Nathan Sherman, candidate for County Commissioner (arrived later). President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Rick Cain addressed the Council and provided some background on himself and the issues he is interested in.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Flower to approve the agenda with additions/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. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for April 2018 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
1. **Delinquent Tax Resolution:** Member Kelsey presented Collection of Delinquent Taxes Resolution 2018-5-1, which is submitted each year to allow the Village to collect

delinquent taxes through the following February. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Doezema, to adopt Resolution 2018-5-1. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Flower, Hunt, Doezema, Wykstra. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution declared adopted.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Discussion on the ditch and the fence. President Brinkhuis spoke the previous day with Jack Arnsman, who is planning to expand the ditch as soon as the weather dries up more. The fence cannot be measured or put up until after the ditch is done. Previous estimate from A1 Fencing was for approximately \$10,000. After the ditch is dug, a new estimate will be requested.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt discussed the need for a wash sink and outside faucets at the DPW barn, as well as the possibility of a bathroom. The Council agreed that Tim could get bids from bonded/insured contractors and present it to the Council. Member Hunt discussed holiday pay for our full time DPW worker. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to pay 8 hours of straight time for designated holidays (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Christmas, New Years Day, Labor Day) starting immediately. Any work performed on those days will be at the workers usual rate. Motion carried.
- 3. Streets:** President Brinkhuis reported that road work will start at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, beginning on the north side of the road. Discussion on how to slow down traffic, including increasing the police presence or getting speed signs. Further discussion on manhole repairs during the road work.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that there will be a sewer rate increase on July 1, which will be voted on in June. Recommended new rate will be around \$8.50/1000 gallons, based on what Plainwell's rate increase is. Discussed repairs to the water tower, which Dixon engineering will be providing a proposal for a bidding process. Also discussed the need to repair the Elsie Street manhole before a bathroom would go into the DPW barn.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the Memorial Day parade and ceremony, which is almost done. She has a few small details to work out yet.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.

- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided synopsis of his April 26 and May 10 meetings, highlighting the water source issue which does not seem to have any momentum. Nate Sherman, County Commissioner candidate, provided the Council with background information and discussed his areas of interest.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Bob Lukins, Rodney Channels, Margaret Wells, Sharron Leverich, Bertha Tuinstra Lynema, James Wuis

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk