

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 13, 2019**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on May 13, 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 Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2019, and the special meeting of April 16, 2019, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Rick Cain, County Commissioner. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Cain deferred until later in the agenda.

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

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Thank you from Bogdan
3. Allegan County Community Foundation Results – Peanut butter drive

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She highlighted the new CDs and discussed how the report is laid out. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for April 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

## **Department Updates/Reports:**

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Rambadt followed up on a recent complaint by Tom McLaughlin regarding flooding in his yard. He has monitored the issue and discussed options with Tom. After measuring and reviewing the capabilities of the drainage system in the immediate area, he determined that the system is doing its job and the excessive water in the yard is not the responsibility of the Village.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt reported on the progress of the DPW bathroom, which is nearly complete. Member Doezema discussed the work being done by Rob Porter, on an “as needed” basis. He provides an invoice at the end of each month with work he had done. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to allow payment of invoices from Rob Porter as they are turned in rather than waiting for the next council meeting. Motion carried.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt reported on the plans for sani sweep, road striping, and crack sealing all being delayed due to heavy work loads. Those projects will not be done prior to Memorial Day as hoped. He provided a quote from Accurate Striping to do striping on the streets with paint rather than the adhesive product. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to spend up to \$1700 to have Accurate Striping do the lines in the Village. Motion carried. Member Hunt provided an update on sidewalks, which are looking very good.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower discussed the need for a letter to be carried in the golf cart, allowing it to run on Village streets. Porter uses the cart to transport the hand mower and trimmer. Flower will work with Doezema on the letter. Member Flower reported that Dixon Engineering recently televised the inside of the water tower and will be giving us a report soon.
- 5. Finance:** Member Doezema report on the budget ending on March 31, 2019. All funds except the Sewer Fund experienced a net gain for the year.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey discussed plans for the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. She offered Harvey and Carol Visser as the Grand Marshals. There were no objections or other suggestions offered. Member Doezema discussed the Student Clean Up day in the Village, which is scheduled for May 23.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.

- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain discussed recent meetings, highlighting services for schools. Discussions are underway to figure out how and whether to fund Resource officers in schools. The council asked questions regarding duties of the officers, who would be primarily security and community engagement.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- 1. USDA Grant Attorney** – Member Doezema presented a proposal for \$9000 from Roger Swets to act as our grant attorney. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to accept the proposal. Motion carried.
- 2. Grants for Improvements** – Member Doezema reported that we did not get the grant we recently submitted.
- 3. Maple Tree** – Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Flower, to have Honeytree Nursery cut down the rotting Maple tree near the water tower for \$350.00. Motion carried.
- 4. Wightman Proposal** – As required by the DEQ, the Village needs to update our Water Reliability Study. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Hunt, to accept Wightman’s proposal of \$9600 to update our Water Reliability Study. Motion carried.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Donna Snook, Arnis Davidsons

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk