

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 14, 2017**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on August 14, 2017 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 and Deputy Clerk Jen Brinkhuis. Absent: None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2017 and the special meeting of July 18, 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner, Bob Genetski, County Clerk, and Scott Kuykendall, Allegan County Historical Society President. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Scott Kuykendall explained about the Historical Society fundraiser, selling original historic plat maps at the upcoming Allegan County Fair. There is a limit on how many originals are available (which were taken from plat map books that were falling apart) but there will be reproductions available for a lesser cost. He presented the Council and the Village with a framed original from 1895 to display in the office as a gift. Bob Genetski discussed services provided from the County Clerk office and handed out information, highlighting the need for Veterans to register their DD214 and asked us to disseminate that information.

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

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter – highlighting the eclipse viewing on August 21
2. DEQ Public Meeting – August 23, 2017
3. Exchange Student Information – Brochure on hosting a student and donation for referral

**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 Flower to approve the report for July 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

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

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Wykstra discussed the hydrants near the school and the need for flow testing on our system of hydrants. The last test was in 2008 and they should be updated every 5 years. Suggestion to ask Luke or Dan what the requirements are to maintain our ISO rating and whether they can do the official test. Otherwise we will hire an outside contractor.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt discussed the need for a new salt spreader. Steensma offered a quote of approximately \$5300. Motion by Member Rambadt, supported by Member Wykstra, to purchase the new spreader from Steensma for the quoted price. Motion carried. Discussion on which fund the money should come from. Member Wykstra reminded the Council that all equipment is owned by the Equipment Fund and other funds pay rent to use it. Therefore, all funds should come out of the Equipment Fund. Member Hunt said it is time to do the heating project in the barn, as budgeted. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Wykstra, to hire Boniface to do the project, as quoted, for no more than \$7500. Motion carried. Member Doezema discussed the area outside of Hidden Ponds where the sign is supposed to be. The area is a mess and needs to be cleaned up or removed and mowed. President Brinkhuis will speak to the person in charge, who is believed to be Mike Lynema.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt discussed sidewalks and that he still hopes to get them done this year. Member Flower discussed the Rural Task Force and how it appears that we are not on their list for repairs until after 2020. East Allegan Street is in dire need of resurfacing and the Council will research what it will cost to do the entire job ourselves.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Wykstra remarked that we need to hear more from the school regarding the water line and the hydrants associated with the new construction. We need to determine what the tap in fee will be and whether Wightman plans to be on hand when the work is done. Member Flower reported that the water tower work still needs to be done but we are not getting clear communication from the organization doing the work. Also, the DEQ doesn't like some of the work proposed as a revision to the SAW Grant. Tom Denneau and Tom Rook may be going to Lansing to plead our case.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** No report.

8. **Five Year Planning:** Member Doezema reported that Jen Brinkhuis is in the process of updating our 5 year budget review. She is doing a great job and learning much about the clerk position.
  
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black distributed the synopsis of his meetings July 27 and August 10. Anyone interested in running for Commissioner is encouraged to meeting with him on October 23, 2017 at 6 p.m at the J.C. Wheeler Library in Martin. Member Flower remarked that we don't get nearly as many sheriff reports as we used to and there is much going on in our area that we never get details on. Commissioner Black will look into that.

**Old Business:**

1. Marshall Plastic Drain – President Brinkhuis has a meeting scheduled with Arnsman.

**New Business:**

1. Bike Racks – Member Doezema discussed the need for bike racks in the Village and that we are way under our budgeted amount for those types of improvements. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to spend up to \$2500 on bike racks this year, taken from the Boysen Fund for Village Improvements. Motion carried.
2. Bike Trail Meeting – Member Doezema encouraged the Council to attend one of the next two meetings about the Bike Trail. The next meeting will be held August 17 in Wayland Township.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: No deaths to report this month.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk