

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2014**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on January 13, 2014, 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, Flower, Doezema, Wykstra, Kelsey, Hunt and Deputy Clerk Merrill.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2013, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (8:17 arrival) and Don Rambadt. President Brinkhuis asked the visitor to state his purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter. The library raised \$100 from the tree decorating contest.
2. Ottawa Co. Planning Commission seminar information
3. Card of thanks from Joyce and Ron Merrill. Joyce updated the Council on her recent house fire, discussed the insurance process, and showed pictures.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills have been paid and we have reconciled with bank. She reported that we spent more than usual on the Christmas parade and festivities, and that we have now paid 31 of 48 payments to Plainwell for the Consent Agreement. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the report for December 2013 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Some bills were paid prior to the meeting, to ensure payment by due date. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

3. **Banking Update:** Member Doezema and Member Rambadt discussed the findings and recommendations of the Finance Committee. Discussion on staying with PNC Bank and switching bank accounts to eliminate charges. Motion made by Member Doezema that the Village of Martin Treasurer and Clerk work with PNC Bank to transition our current three checking accounts to one consolidated Business Enterprise Checking account, to open Premium Business Money Market accounts, and to open Certificates of Deposit. Motion supported by Member Wykstra. Motion carried.
4. **Budget:** Reminder that the budget workshop is Wednesday, Jan. 22, starting at 6 p.m.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Hunt had no report. Member Flower reported on the quote for a generator plug-in at the traffic signal and a quote on traffic signal maintenance. Member Flower moved that we accept the generator plug quote of \$398.16. Member Doezema supported. Motion carried. Member Flower will get more information on the traffic signal maintenance quote before there is a motion and vote.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra discussed quotes for the new mower. Further discussion deferred until the budget workshop.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that G. Arnsman removed the excess snow piles in town. He also presented a quote from Dan's Tree Service of \$900 to remove the limbs from the last storm. Member Wykstra moved that we contract with Dan's Tree Service to remove the limbs, taking the money from the Streets fund. Member Doezema supported. Motion carried.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the new impellers were installed and are working well. He further reported that we reduced the Kraai bill by \$335 due to the additional testing required to get the pump on line.
5. **Finance:** Banking discussion was conducted during Financial Items.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** Member Doezema had no report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey suggested that Naomi Martin be considered our Memorial Day grand marshal due to her actions that stopped a bank robbery. Member Doezema said Ken Bleeker may also be a good choice if his efforts to get the Boysen building torn down are successful. Member Kelsey also reported that Alicia at the Library is putting together a welcome packet for new members of our community. She suggested that if we have any ideas for it or items to include, we contact Alicia. Discussion on whether our DPW workers can clean the ends of driveways, rather than just plugging them with additional snow. Doesn't appear feasible at this time.
8. **Five Year Planning:** President Brinkhuis updated the Council on the ongoing Bleeker meetings. Discussion on whether the Village would want to take ownership of the old Boysen building. Member Doezema will attend the school board meeting on Jan. 20 to hear what is discussed there. Member Kelsey moved that we create a subcommittee of three to research the issue and make recommendations. Member Wykstra supported. Motion carried. Members Brinkhuis and Flower, and resident Rick Martin will review

bids and environmental studies before making a recommendation to the Council for a vote.

9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the January 9 County Commissioner meeting, highlighting that they are looking to hire a 9-1-1 Director.

Old Business:

1. Christmas/Appreciation Dinner –Member Doezema discussed the Appreciation Dinner and recommended that we wait until March to do it. President Brinkhuis recommended that we purchase a gift of some sort for former President Larry Harness and present it then, if possible. Member Wykstra moved that we get something for Harness. Member Flower supported. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Deputy Clerk compensation – Discussion on changing the Deputy Clerk from salary to hourly, at a rate of \$15/hour, starting February 1. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra. Motion carried.
2. Dumpster - A question came up about the location of the dumpster, now that the Lion's Club property has been sold. Member Flower reported that it is fine to stay where it is.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Pauline Gill, Dale Hall, and Martha Bourdo Maurer.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Doezema, Clerk