

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2017

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on January 9, 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, Wykstra, Flower, 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 12, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: County Commissioner Don Black (7:05 arrival). President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Commissioner Black deferred until later in the agenda.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Region 8 Notes

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. She reported that we only have 5 delinquents on the tax list and distributed the money market report, showing interest of over \$1300 since we switched to United Bank. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the report for December 2016 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Hunt reported that we are waiting an estimate for the proposed fence around the drain, which has not yet been received. He discussed the location of the ditch expansion and questioned whether there were fiber optic cables in the area and also whether we need a survey, which is likely. Member Flower reported that the siren maintenance has been done.
2. **Public Works:** Member Hunt had no report but is having discussions with DPW in transition to this position.
3. **Streets:** Member Hunt reported that all is well with Streets. Member Flower reported that there are concerns with the Rural Task Force and whether we are actually scheduled for work on Allegan Street in 2018. He is waiting on a response from them.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the water tower work will probably be done in spring and that there is a SAW Grant meeting Tuesday at 10 in the Village office.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that the Light Contest was very successful.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black reported that there have been no meetings this month so he has nothing to distribute. Also, the new sheriff started his job as of January 1.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Budget Workshop – The Council agreed to meet Wednesday, January 18, starting at 6:00 p.m., with dinner provided by Arena Pizza.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Kathie Mead-Kelsey, Tracy Drake, Richard Davis, Laura Surprise

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk