

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2017

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on July 10, 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, Flower. Absent: Wykstra

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Flower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Jennifer Brinkhuis, Stuart Peet, and Don Black, 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. Stuart discussed the desire for a place to house a first responder vehicle. Discussion on why it was needed, for whom, for how long. Stuart will get some the answers and bring it back to the Council if there is a need. Jen Brinkhuis introduced herself and Clerk Doezema informed the Council that Jen is interested in being the Deputy Clerk. Brinkhuis met with Member Doezema the previous Friday and she has background, qualifications and the desire to join the organization. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Flower, to hire Jen Brinkhuis as the Deputy Clerk, effective August 1, 2017 for \$12.50 per hour, for an average of 10 hours per month, not to exceed 20 hours except in the absence of the elected Clerk or as approved by the Council. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member and supported by Member to approve the agenda with addition of Marshall Plastic drainage pond. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter – “Grab & Go” session on July 24
2. Allegan Co Parks, Recreation & Tourism – Need input on Heritage Trail
3. EPA proposed cleanup of Area 2 – Comments needed

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. A few of the amounts listed for Consumers Energy were in the wrong spot, which will be corrected. The balance and totals remain the same. Motion made by Member

Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for June 2017 as corrected. 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.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** No report.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt suggested that we have discussions with the engineers working with the school regarding drainage, water lines, and possible street repair. Member Doezema asked the Council to notice where our “Welcome to Martin” banners are located and whether we can put them in better places or possibly get more of them.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt attempted to get estimates from 4 different contractors to do our sidewalk work. He got no estimates or responses from any of the four. Van Laan has agreed to do our work again, including tear out and disposal, for \$25 per foot, with the Village splitting the cost 50/50 with the adjacent property owner. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to proceed with the work, done by Van Laan. Motion carried. Member Doezema has a list of affected areas which she will give to Member Hunt.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported there is a SAW Grant meeting Wednesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. There will be discussions on the grant money for construction and how it should be used.
- 5. Finance:** Member Kelsey has no further information on remote deposits.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** There has been no further information on a car show by Hot Diggity Dog. Council members will stop in to inquire.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black distributed the synopsis of the June 22 meeting, highlighting the proposed millage for the Sheriff’s Department. There will be public meetings July 26 in Wayland Township and August 2 in Gun Plain Township, as well as others after that. Decision will be made whether to have it on the August 2018 ballot. Some discussion has been on “scope creep”, such as if more officers are hired, will that lead to a need for more clerks and other support. President Brinkhuis

made note that Don is retiring in 2018 and that he will be missed and his work and dedication will be hard to match.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Marshal Plastic drainage pond – Concerns from resident adjacent to the property recently purchased by the school that excavation will cause our drainage pond to now be overwhelmed, thus flooding their property. Council will discuss the issue with Wightman & Associates and with local contractors to determine if we need to do some work on that drainage area.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Bill Hoard, Larry Allen, Juanita Morrell, Vern Hazard.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk