

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2017

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on June 13, 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 Merrill. Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Wykstra 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 – Member Kelsey reported that on June 26 the library is hosting a Community Coffee house gathering for local community leaders. Also, the library is having its annual garage sale June 23.
2. Marijuana Meeting – Member Doezema offered the training session to anyone interested.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we received the delinquent taxes from the County. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Flower to approve the report for May 2017 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.
3. **Truth in Taxation:** Member Doezema discussed annual Truth in Taxation and offered Resolution 2017-6-8 to establish the tax levy at 8.9609 mills. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to adopt Resolution 2017-6-8, 2017 Property

Tax Resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema. Nays – None. Absent – N/A. Resolution declared adopted.

- 4. Audit:** Member Doezema reported that the annual audit/closing is underway and going fine.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Flower reported that we received the vests that were ordered for our DPW and the fire department.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Doezema discussed the bid from HQ Flooring for \$2500 to refinish the office floors. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Wykstra, spend up to \$3000 to have the floors refinished by HQ Flooring. Motion carried.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra discussed looking at a different type of salt for next winter vs the salt/sand mix we use now. It is supposed to work at lower temperatures.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that we are in communication regarding the water tower repairs. In discussing overdue water bills, he discussed one resident and the plan to put part of his delinquent bill on taxes but to require him to pay part before his water is turned back on. Member Flower also made a motion, supported by Member Wykstra, to forgive a \$134.50 waterbill owed by a business that has since closed. Motion carried.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** Member Doezema reported that someone called and left a message regarding keeping chickens in the Village. She printed the ordinance that outlined what is allowed in case the person calls back.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey remarked on the Memorial Day activities and that the sound system seems inadequate. Discussion on whether to buy or rent for next year. Member Flower will look into it. President Brinkhuis also asked that we find someone else to do parade lineups. He is ready to pass that duty on.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black distributed information on his May 25 and June 8 meetings, highlighting a “no” vote he had on a request by Dorr Township to revisit the recycling surcharge issue. He also reported that the commission is spending a lot of time discussing an aforementioned millage request by the sheriff’s department. There will be meetings but that is still being worked out.

Old Business:

1. Last tree – Member Doezema asked where the Council members would like the last donated tree to be planted. Suggestions were either in the office area or to replace a tree that is looking quite dead. Also, she asked if we can proceed with removing the old chain link fence near the water tower. There was no opposition.

New Business:

1. Deputy Clerk Merrill submitted her resignation letter, this to be her last month of work.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Russell Curry, William Groth, Francis Dunklee, and Jerry Schoemaker.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk