

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 9, 2017**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on October 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, Doezema, Kelsey, Hunt, Wykstra, Flower and Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Absent: Rambadt.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2017 and the special meeting of September 23, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: None

**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 – Clerk Doezema highlighted the upcoming book sale
2. Martin Area Resource Center invitation to the annual community and volunteer appreciation dinner on October 21, 2017

**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 Hunt to approve the report for September 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Discussion on whether to continue our service contract with I.T. Right. We use very little of their services but pay a high price for unlimited service. At this time the office will discontinue the unlimited service with IT Right and in the future to work with Merlex Computer Repair or I. T. Right on an "as needed" basis. 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 had no report but noted an increased police presence lately, doing traffic stops.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt reported that he spoke with Boniface who have us on their schedule for the furnace in the barn to be installed.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt discussed the estimate from Arnsman Septic to dig out the ditch and the pond at Marshall Plastic. Discussion on when to do it (immediately) and whether to delay the fence until next year. Suggestion made to post signs warning of the ditch until a fence can be erected. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Wykstra, to spend up to \$25,000 to do both projects, after getting two more estimates. President Brinkhuis suggested we send a letter to the school, asking them to pay for part of the Marshall Plastic job. Clerk Doezema will draft it. Member Hunt discussed salt for the winter and the preference to get calcium chloride which has shown good results locally and requires no sand. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Flower, to purchase calcium chloride from Gro America. Motion carried.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that Wightman & Associates and Luke Keyzer are working on the DEQ permit for the water tower repairs. No word yet from Engineering America as to a schedule. Member Flower reported on upcoming sewer testing in response to the NOV expected from the City of Plainwell.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** Member Doezema reported that letters regarding compliance with the livestock ordinance was sent to the known chicken owners in town. Complaints and reports have continued for one residence and Doezema sent an email asking them to get rid of their chickens or make sure they are contained.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey is starting to look at the Christmas parade but still needs a Santa Claus. Jason Dykstra has agreed to do parade line-ups.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** Member Doezema discussed the 6 month budget review and answered questions. In most cases, we are right on track with the budget. She also showed the Council the 5 year budget review which is in a binder on the conference table to be reviewed. The binder will eventually be placed in an area accessible to everyone but out of the way.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black did not attend but provided the synopsis of his last two meetings.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: James Harrington, Wayne Mills, Charles Slocum

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

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk