

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2014

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on April 14, 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, Kelsey, Hunt, Wykstra and Deputy Clerk Merrill.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner, Don Rambadt, and Ken Bleeker.

President Brinkhuis asked the visitor to state his purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. All visitors opted to speak later in the agenda.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. President Brinkhuis added VanElderen Request to New Business. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Larry Harness request and emails. President Brinkhuis requested a Sewer Committee meeting to discuss this.
3. MML Survey
4. Yeo and Yeo engagement letter. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt to sign the engagement letter. Motion carried.
5. Consumers Energy Resolution. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to adopt Resolution 2014-4-1. Roll call vote: Brinkhuis – yes, Rambadt – yes, Wykstra – yes, Flower – yes, Hunt – yes, Doezema – yes. Absent – Kelsey.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, discussing recent bank issues and reporting that all bills have been paid and we have reconciled with bank. Motion

made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for March 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Many bills were paid prior to the meeting, to ensure payment by due date. 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:** No report.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Wykstra recommended that the Street Committee meet to discuss cost-of-living-adjustments for the DPW employees.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra discussed the proposal to resurface Templeton St. and a portion of University St, to be done when the Main Street resurfacing is being done. Discussion on whether we need to get bids. Our previous practice has been to use the company approved to do the major street (Main) project, as it is cheaper in the long run to have them do both jobs while they are here anyway. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to have Templeton and a portion of University resurfaced by Michigan Paving, doing Main Street, at the same time. Motion carried. He also discussed an estimate from Brenner Excavating for the leach basin, overflow, and to restore the natural drain for a cost of \$5000. President Brinkhuis recommended we ask the school to pay for part of it. He will contact them, with a follow up email from Member Doezema to the superintendent. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Doezema to use Brenner Excavating for the drain project. Motion carried. Member Wykstra discussed the need to repair East Allegan, Chalmers, University and Lee Street. They all need thermo-bonding. Two bids were solicited, for approx. \$31,000 and approx. \$42,000. President Brinkhuis asked that we table the discussion and decision until our other projects are completed. Member Doezema discussed software recommended by MDOT and Wightman and Associates, which would facilitate some of the paperwork for the street project. Motion by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Hunt to purchase the software and have it installed on one computer.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that there continue to be issues using the SENSUS equipment and we may need updated computers. Member Flower and Member Doezema will research this and report back to the Council. Member Flower reported on issues at Gun River East, where Gun River West was temporarily dumping into our lines. The problem has since been resolved. Member Flower reported that State Chemical has started their 60 day test, and Plainwell has been informed.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey will have a meeting soon to discuss the Memorial Day activities. Don Rambadt told us that Major Martin has agreed to be our guest speaker.
8. **Five Year Planning:** Member Doezema reported on the bids received for demolition of the Boysen building, reading the final amount of bids received. At this time we have a company that will remove the barrels for free. Council members will have discussions with the two lowest bidders – Pitsch and Arnsman – to get additional information before making a decision. Ken Bleeker will now start the effort to collect pledge amounts and also made an impassioned plea to the Council to commit to using some of the Village funds to complete the demolition. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to take ownership of the building. Motion carried. Ken Bleeker further discussed the need for some thoughtful consideration of what to do with the property after demolition. He also recommended that we use Arnsman for the demolition, as they do a significant amount of work for the Village and Village businesses.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the meetings 3/13/2014, 3/27/2014, and 4/10/2014, highlighting discussions on the role of the County in economic development, the County Wellness Program, and a recent vote on the Veterans Court Grant Program.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Van Elderen Request – Received a letter from VanElderen Inc requesting the establishment of an Industrial Development District and an industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. Member Doezema will follow up on their request.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Larry Washburn (from November of 2013).

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Doezema, Clerk