

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2017

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on April 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, Wykstra, Flower and Deputy Clerk Merrill. Absent: None

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

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner, (7:14 arrival), and Brandi Mathis, business owner. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Brandi discussed her desire to have a car and tractor show on August 6 from 11-2. She outlined her plans and discussed her expectations from the Council (primarily the need for barricades on designated streets). The Council informed her that all liability was on her and we would wait to approve her plan until she comes to us with proof of insurance, but preliminary agreement in her plan was given.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the agenda with additions of concrete removal in Old Business and Bank Plan in New Business. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Seventh Day Adventist Notice – They will be in town again this summer
3. Legal Seminar – Offered and no one wanted informaton
4. Consumers Energy Update on completed work in 2016 and ongoing work in 2017

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 the annual settlement meeting went well and highlighted the bond payment and due to/due from transfers in the March report. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the report for March 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill, with the addition of Newhof Construction invoice of \$2009.99 (for siding on the salt bin) from Major Street Fund. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Wykstra had no report.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt had no report. Member Doezema discussed replacing the banners. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to spend up to \$800 for new banners with a similar design and color. Motion carried.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt reported that we probably will need to repair Marshall Street because the plan for Marshall Plastic to move the road is not going forward. Discussion on East & West Allegan. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Wykstra, to repair those streets using Pavement Restoration, for up to \$8500. Motion carried. Further discussion on whether we should do a more thorough repair or wait to see when the road will be redone. We need a firm estimate from MDOT as to when we are on the schedule for major street replacement. Streets traditionally are professionally swept prior to Memorial Day. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to have Sani Sweep clean the streets for up to \$1000. Motion carried. Discussion on the condition of the salter and whether to repair or replace. We will get quotes in the coming months.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that Plainwell is raising their sewer rate in July to \$8.17/1000 gallons. We currently charge \$8.00/1000 gallons. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Doezema, to raise the per 1000 gallon rate to \$8.25, effective July 1. Motion carried. Further discussion on the water line to the Jeff Brinkhuis's new house where there is a shut-off issue. GVL did the install. They will dig up the line and redo it if necessary and we will install a shut-off at the same time. Need to meet with Luke Keyzer to discuss it.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that she has begun Memorial Day plans.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black distributed his synopsis of the March 23 commissioners meeting, with nothing to highlight. In other Allegan County news, he discussed a pilot program to prevent elder fraud and abuse and also informed the Council that new, updated directories are being published.

Old Business:

1. Council Dinner – April 27, at 6:00 p.m. at Four Roses.
2. Flower Pots – Have been ordered and will be delivered prior to Memorial Day.
3. Concrete removal – Each year the Council plans to have some of the waste concrete removed from President Brinkhuis's property. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Hunt, to spend up to \$1000 to have the waste removed by Van Laan. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Landscape Plan – Member Doezema presented a concept plan for landscaping near the water tower flag pole, provided by Honeytree Nursery. She assured the Council that specific flowers and the location of the trees can all be changed prior to the work being done and would appreciate input. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Wykstra, to spend up to \$2000 with Honeytree Nursery from the Boysen Fund on landscaping for Village Improvement. Motion carried.
2. Vehicle/Junk Ordinance – PCI is prepared to enforce our ordinance against junk vehicles. The Council needs to prepare a list of addresses for PCI to contact.
3. Bank Marketing Plan – Discussion on contacting financial institutions with the thought of a small drive through or other building on the land owned by the Township across from the firehall. Further discussion on the restaurant property and whether to include that in the offering.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Pauline Orris, Donna Herwarth, Constance Roberts, Donald Greene, Teresa (Sebright) Empie

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Wykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk