

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 13, 2014**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 13, 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 Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner, Bryan Bleeker (Ken Bleeker Agency), Tom Draves (MI State Police), Lisa Banas (United Bank), Dean Banas, and Rhonda Parsons (United Bank). 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. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Communications:** Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Municipal Derivatives lawsuit documents

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, 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 February 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 Doezema to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried. Member Doezema presented the bill from attorney Ed Annen and discussed the charges, and recommended that the Council dispute the charges and not pay the bill. President Brinkhuis will discuss with Annen. Member Flower discussed the

dumpster and our need for a smaller one. Motion by Flower and seconded by Doezema to get a smaller dumpster, which we will locate on our office property. Motion carried.

- 3. Approval of Final 2014-2015 Budget:** Member Doezema presented the final budget and Resolution 2014-3-7. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the budget and adopt Resolution 2014-3-7. Roll call vote: Brinkhuis – yes, Rambadt – yes, Kelsey – yes, Wykstra – yes, Flower – yes, Hunt – yes, Doezema – yes. Absent – none. Nays – none. Motion carried and resolution adopted. The Sewer/Water budget was presented and discussed. One error in calculations was corrected. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the Sewer/Water budget for 2014-2015. Motion carried.

### **Department Updates/Reports:**

- 1. Public Safety:** Tom Draves of the MI State Police represented the Allegan County Dispatch. He provided a handout and discussed the contents, specifically the funding options for 9-1-1 and the option of a surcharge on all cell phones.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Wykstra discussed the quote from Kubota for a new piece of equipment with mower and snowblower capabilities. President Brinkhuis also recommended he check with Burnips Equipment and some other sources.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra reported on receiving the MDOT contract for Main St. resurfacing. Motion by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Rambadt to adopt Resolution 2014-3-8, authorizing President Brinkhuis and Street Commissioner Wykstra to sign the MDOT Contract. Roll call vote: Brinkhuis – yes, Rambadt – yes, Kelsey – yes, Wykstra – yes, Flower – yes, Hunt – yes, Doezema – yes. Absent – none. Nays – none. Motion carried and resolution adopted.  
Member Wykstra discussed brush removal and the need to update the wording on the newsletter. Members Flower and Doezema will work with DPW to do it. Member Wykstra also wants to revisit some of the mowing done by DPW in the Village. He further reports that the school is finally working on the sign, but they need new wood and lettering. Member Wykstra will pick those up and provide to the school. Member Flower reported that the traffic signal contract is done. The generator the company recommends is very expensive. Members Wykstra and Flower are investigating options.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the sewer/water bills were mostly estimated again due to the snow and inclement weather. Member Wykstra will ride along next time meters are read to see how it all works. Member Flower reported that we were not selected for the SAW Grant funding but we look good for selection in 2016. He also gave a recap of the recent sewer meeting in Plainwell. President Brinkhuis got a call from Wayland Township Supervisor and they are setting up another meeting. Discussion that it is time to start the State Chemical proposal for treating waste. Member Flower moved that we proceed with the proposal. Member Doezema supported. Motion carried.

5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
8. **Five Year Planning:** Discussion on the Boysen building and the ongoing efforts of the Bleeker committee. Don Black offered to assist with writing an RFP to request bids on the building. He and Member Doezema will do that in the next week. President Brinkhuis suggested we contact PCI to see if there is anything we need to do as far as permits. Some recommendations on contractors are Pitsch, Arnsman, and Kal Tech. Bryan Bleeker expressed his desire for this process to move forward, as the donors are getting restless in his opinion. Representatives from United Bank stated their desire to help in our efforts, through donation, and they attended the meeting to see how serious the village is.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the February 13, 27, and March 27 County Commissioner meeting, highlighting the discussion on the mental health vote of February 27, the pension fund bond issued, and the Commission on Again. He also thanked everyone who took time to tour the new jail, but reported that the opening has been delayed.

**Old Business:**

1. Christmas/Appreciation Dinner – The dinner will be held Friday, March 21, 2014 at the Grill House in Allegan. Social hour will be from 5:30 until 6:30, with dinner at 6:30.

**New Business:**

1. Trash Day – May 17. The Township asked whether they could count on us again this year to provide the tractor and a DPW worker, which we will.
2. Attorney discussion – Member Doezema expressed a desire to have an attorney who specializes in sewer issues, rather than continue to use Ed Annen. She will look into some other choices and work with Members Flower and Wykstra on the issue.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Bert Patterson, Stanley Willcut, Ruth Weick, Ellis Wykstra, Joanne Pierce.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darcy Doezema, Clerk