

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2015

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on May 11, 2015 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, Flower, Hunt and Deputy Clerk Merrill. Absent: Wykstra

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2015 and the special meeting of May 5, 2015, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Natalie VanHouten, Stuart Peet, Don Black, County Commissioner (7:14 p.m.arrival) and Don Rambadt. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Natalie reported on the Library book sale, the upcoming Friends of the Library bake sale. Stuart reported on the Wayland EMS.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the agenda with the additions of Marshall Plastic and Van Elderen Inc. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Flower to approve the report for April 2015 as submitted. Motion carried. Treasurer Rambadt presented information regarding a BS&A upgrade to the tax software. Our current software is almost 20 years old and will no longer be supported through on-line updates. Motion by Treasurer Rambadt and supported by Member Doezema to purchase the new tax software upgrade for approximately \$1900. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Flower reported that the annual maintenance on the traffic signal has yet to be done this year. He will check to see when it is scheduled.
2. **Public Works:** President Brinkhuis received another quote to finish the garage. He will give it to Member Wykstra. Also, we are in need of a new leaf vacuum.
3. **Streets:** Street sweepers are due May 14.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that Clean Earth cleaned the lift stations May 5. Tom Rook is looking at another new impeller. Shine Auto Wash was sent a letter informing them that their meter tested fine and we now expect payment of their bill. Also, they were sent a backflow preventer letter. Plans are underway to replace the 100' of sewer line previously discussed. This should happen in June. The golf cart is in need of repair. There was a meeting at the end of April with Van Elderen, the Village sewer committee, and City of Plainwell regarding sewer issues. Another meeting is planned for Friday, May 15, in Plainwell.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that we are ready for the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. Member Doezema will handle advertising this week. Member Doezema discussed plans for the Summer Festival, scheduled for Saturday July 25. She also reported that the Student Clean Up Day happens May 18. Motion by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to spend up to \$100 on supplies for the clean up day. Motion carried.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the recent Board of Commissioners Meetings of April 9 and 23, highlighting comments about the desire for more green space instead of parking, when the old jail is torn down. He also reported on the death of Liz Krause. Commissioner Black reported that the county is working on a "teaming" concept in order to attract younger workers. He questioned whether we are losing our work ethic and stated that there seems to be a problem getting quality applicants.

Old Business:

1. Freedom of Information Act. Member Doezema provided a copy of the documents she created to satisfy the State of Michigan requirements. The information needs to be posted on line before July 1.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2015-5-9. Member Doezema distributed a copy of the proposed resolution and discussed meetings she attended. The resolution is tabled until the June meeting.
2. Marshall Plastic. President Brinkhuis presented a Quit Claim Deed which needs to be signed and notarized. Member Doezema will take care of it on Tuesday. President Brinkhuis reported that Marshall Plastic would like to buy the old McFarland house so they can expand their property.
3. Van Elderen Inc. After the recent meeting with Plainwell regarding waste, Van Elderen Inc decided to start shipping their waste to Allegan starting May 12. They are researching options, such as building their own pre-treatment plant.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Bob VandeVord, Harry Lambert, Stella Dailey, Bernard Wheatley.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Rambadt to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk