

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2015

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on April 13, 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, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt and Deputy Clerk Merrill. Absent: Member Kelsey.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2015, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner 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.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications: Member Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Broadband Survey
3. Martin Township Millage Proposal verbiage
4. Letter from Seventh Day Adventist Church
5. Region 8 Notes
6. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) correspondence
7. Information from Martin Township and request for money

Member Doezema requested to attend the On-Demand Webinar for FOIA, which cost \$20. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to allow Member Doezema to attend the session and to pay the cost. Motion carried. Member Doezema presented information from Martin Township about a sign for the siren monument, requesting that the Village pay for ¼ of the final cost. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Doezema to pay the requested amount of \$177.50, payable to the Township. Motion carried.

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Flower gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to approve the report for March 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** No Report.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that we need another quote to finish the garage. He is looking for any suggestion of contractor to ask. Member Wykstra needs a wooden ladder to use on the old firetruck at the fire department. He plans to trade a new aluminum ladder for the wooden one we currently have. There was no opposition to this swap.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that we also need another quote for the drain work. He received a quote from Pavement Restoration for Thermal Bonding for \$2003.33 and Crack filling for \$5217.75. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to accept the quote from Pavement Restoration and to have the work done. Motion carried.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on a conversation with Bryan Pond of Plainwell, asking about the 2 plastic pipes entering the manhole on the south side of East Allegan Street, whether they belong to VanElderen or Marshall Plastic. He is in the process of issuing permits. Flower will follow up. Member Flower discussed the request from Rick Updike for a fiberglass manhole to replace the corroded manhole on the south end of the system. Member Flower reported on Shine Auto Wash. We installed a meter to determine whether the other meter was accurate. Discussion on sending the other meter out for testing at our cost. Also, the golf cart needs new batteries. Motion by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to purchase new batteries. Motion carried. Member Doezema presented the Franchise Agreement between the Village and Gun Plain Township. President Brinkhuis will speak to the Gun Plain Township supervisor with a few questions before signing. Motion by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to authorized President Brinkhuis to sign the agreement, after he contacts Mike VandenBerg. Motion carried.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

7. **Civic Affairs:** Discussion on candidates for Grand Marshal for the Memorial Day parade. Member Doezema will pass names on to Member Kelsey, who will bring a final recommendation to the May meeting. Member Doezema distributed the spring newsletter and pointed out sections of note.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the recent Board of Commissioners Meetings of March 26 and April 9. He reminded the Council that there is still a vacancy on the DHS Board and that the April 23 meeting will be held in the evening at 7 p.m.

Old Business:

1. Council Appreciation Dinner – Scheduled for April 25 at Four Roses Café. Member Doezema distributed written invitations and asked for an RSVP by Friday, April 17.
2. Title VI Plan – Member Doezema presented the plan, as tentatively approved by Lansing. Motion by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to adopt the plan, authorize President Brinkhuis to sign the plan, and to assign Member Doezema as the Title VI/EEO Coordinator. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Marshall Plastic – President Brinkhuis updated the Council on Marshall Plastic plans. They are working to transfer the property title and buying more property in order to straighten the road. The Council was assured that if Marshall Plastic changes the road, they will replace it with a Class A road and go through all the appropriate steps with the County and Village.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: None

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

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk