

**Village of Martin  
Regular Meeting  
August 11, 2014**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on August 11, 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 July 14, 2014, and the Special Meeting of July 30, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present: Don Black (County Commissioner). President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Commissioner Black deferred until later in the agenda.

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Hunt to approve the agenda as presented. 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 bank. She reported that we received the Township road millage check and that we needed to transfer money from the money market accounts to the cash accounts. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the report for July 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 Flower and supported by Member Kelsey to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

## Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** President Brinkhuis will contact the Sheriff's Department to let them know when school starts.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that the bucket is being repaired at Tuinstra's. Our equipment is getting annual service work done. Member Wykstra presented data on purchasing a new piece of equipment that can do mowing and also snow removal on sidewalks in the winter. The new equipment will be approximately \$30,000 after trade in of the Kubota (of approximately \$1200) and either selling or trading in the mower. Motion by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to order and purchase the recommended new equipment for approximately \$30,000. Motion carried.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that the tree service has been hired and the recommended tree and stump removal will take place soon. He is also getting bids for sidewalk repair/replacement and is checking with Arnsmann to see if they can remove the old sidewalks cheaper than Van Laan. President Brinkhuis and Member Wykstra will review the work to be done with Jack Arnsmann. Member Wykstra asked that Member Doezema draft a generic letter to send to residents who will be affected by the sidewalk work. Member Flower is having Consumers Energy check on a couple of lights that aren't working correctly and queried as to whether any council members knew of others that need to be checked.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that we have received a bill for annual dues for the Michigan Rural Water Association for \$280.00 Motion by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to pay the dues. Motion carried. Member Flower presented a quote from Clean Earth to video the sewer lines, for not more than \$4500. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Doezema to accept the quote and proceed with the work. Motion carried. Member Flower reported that there is a problem with the generator at the water pumping station. Bridgeway quoted the repair at \$2400. President Brinkhuis recommended we get a second quote. Member Flower also mentioned that we should probably get the water tower inspected, even though there are no firm guidelines for our type of tower. Metal towers need to be inspected every 5 years.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that plans are coming together for the ice cream social on August 23. She detailed the plans and asked for suggestions. The estimated cost for the entire event is \$500, but we could go as high as \$700. It is hoped that the committee for the former "Martin Days" will cover the cost but the Council will cover what they do not. Motion by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Doezema to pay up to \$700 for the ice cream social. Motion carried.

8. **Five Year Planning:** Member Doezema reported that the “thank you” sign will be in place before August 23. We will also be sending a letter to all the donors thanking them for their donation again and inviting them to the ice cream social.
  
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black distributed a synopsis of the July 24 Board of Commissioners meeting. He asked the Council Members’ opinions on whether we need a free dental clinic in the County. He also explained the bond to fund the Pension Fund.

**Old Business:** Member Doezema reported that all election forms were turned in to the Township Clerk and she then filed them with the County. All incumbents for Village Council are running unopposed. Discussion on whether the Oath of Office needs to be notarized, as it had been in the past. Member Doezema will inquire on that.

**New Business:** None

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Josie Talsma, Joan Knight, Eugene Fenton, Warren Smith, Willis Zeinstra.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Darcy Doezema, Clerk