

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2015

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on August 10, 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, Wykstra, Flower, and Hunt. Absent: Deputy Clerk Merrill.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:15 arrival time), Ken Bleeker, Natalie VanHouten 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 and the summer reading program which ended August 8, and the recent garage sale fundraiser. Ken provided an update on the proposed property sale. Recent activity included an environmental study, FOIA requests, and communication with the title company, who discovered a problem with the deed for Lot 169. When the water tower was financed by Allegan County, the property was deeded to them from the Village to secure the loan. Ken has had conversations with Allegan County and they think it will not be a problem to deed a portion of Lot 169 back to the Village. Allegan County asked that the Village draft a resolution for the Allegan County Board of Public Works to approve. Member Doezema will contact Attorney Annen to start that process.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Member Flower presented a notice from Miss Dig on a building demolition at 893 E. Allegan.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. She further reported that taxes are coming in slowly, we got our check from Martin Township, and we will have to wait 6 months to get the remaining money from the Larry Harness/Chuck Barrett sewer lead. Motion

made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Doezema to approve the report for July 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Member Doezema. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills, with the addition of \$10,230 to GVL Excavating for the sewer connection to Brinkhuis house and a note that the work done on the leech basin is Local Street Fund. Motion carried. Discussion on how to bill Jeff Brinkhuis for the sewer and water connections at his house. We need to check with Jeff to see if he wants to pay over time.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** No report.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that the garage work is completed and we are getting a bid on siding the small garage. Member Wykstra and President Brinkhuis suggest that we wait on putting gutters on the garages until we can figure out the best way to do it.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra reported on a search for a new leaf vacuum or alternative. Used leaf vacs all appear to be in bad shap. He talked to landscape companies about contracting the leaf work. None of them would guarantee when it could be done so it does not seem like a good option. Member Wykstra presented information on a new vac from Wolf Kubota for \$6059.41 after a \$500 trade-in of the old vac. This was several hundred dollars less than the same equipment from Steensma. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to purchase the new leaf vac from Wolf Kubota. Motion carried.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that we received \$2000 from Shine Auto Wash after numerous phone calls. He also reported on a letter from Dover Farms informing us that they would be shutting off Shine's sewer lead if they don't receive payment from Shine by August 16. Discussion on our need to shut off the water if Dover Farms terminates the sewer lead. Member Doezema will draft a letter to Shine informing them of the potential water shut off. We need a meeting with Dover Farms in the near future. Member Flower will arrange for it. Member Flower reported that Tom Rook sold Horizon Operations but he will continue to work for the new company and that our service should remain the same.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Doezema reported on the Summer Festival and pointed out to the Council that the committee deposited money into the General Fund to cover any

expenses for the Festival. Any remaining money goes into a savings account and held for Community Promotion expenditures.

8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.

9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black distributed information on the July 23 County Commissioner meeting, highlighting the approval to purchase dog licensing software. He also reported on improvements/upgrades to the West Side Park.

Old Business:

1. VanElderen: Discussion on the ongoing sewer issue and decisions made on the question of installing a septic system.
2. Happy Birthday to Don Flower!

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Don Sebright, Chuck Schumaker, Lucille Brown, and Bea Ayers.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk