

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2015**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on December 14, 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, Hunt and Deputy Clerk Merrill.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2015 and the meetings of November 9 and November 17, 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 Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the agenda with addition of Ben Schipper. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Act 54 non-compliance – Notice of code official lack of renewal
3. Ship to Shore newsletter
4. Arena Pizza letter
5. Wightman newsletter
6. Notice that Tom Denneau is retiring in early 2016
7. Christmas cards
8. Invitation to Community Action of Allegan County 50th anniversary celebration.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. We have also received a few more tax payments. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the report for November 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 Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** No report.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Wykstra discussed the wood carved statues in town and how they are deteriorating. If we leave the largest one in place (which is very rotten in the middle) and take down the 2 smaller ones, R&D will do it for between \$250 and \$300. They will then be put in the barn or garage so they can dry out and be sealed. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to have R&D do the work. Motion carried. Member Wykstra brought up the air compressor which is stored in the small shed. Need to determine whether it has much value to sell or whether we should give it to the Fire Department. Members Wykstra and Brinkhuis will research. Decision tabled.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that DPW equipment is ready for snow. The Chevy pick up is in the shop for transmission repair. Drains are all done. Members Wykstra and Flower attended the RTF meeting and put East & West Allegan on the schedule for 2018. Member Wykstra discussed the CMAQ grant for 2019-2020 and camera actuated upgrades. The system would cut down on emissions by reducing vehicle wait times and idle at the traffic signal. We are on the schedule for 2020, if the program still exists, and 100% of construction costs will be paid. The application process is challenging, according to Mickey Bittner of Wightman. He has offered to help if we need it.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the unknown pipe near Van Elderen has been capped. Member Doezema will generate a letter to City of Plainwell. He also reported on the Dec. 17 quarterly sewer meeting, which was quick and uneventful.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Rambadt thanked everyone who helped with the Christmas parade and events afterward. Member Doezema reported on the light contest, which is going well. Member Kelsey discussed the plat maps in the Titan building and that they are willing to donate them to the Village if they can have a receipt for the donation.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black missed the most recent meeting and had nothing to report, except that strategic planning is coming up for the County.

Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. DPW Bonuses – Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Wykstra, to give Tim and Michael each a \$200 bonus this year. Motion carried.
2. Budget Workshop – Member Doezema reminded the council that the first meeting for the budget will be held in January, at a date to be determined. Everyone needs to come to the meeting with ideas of where money needs to be spent.
3. Ben Schipper - President Brinkhuis asked for council approval to engage Ben Schipper on a committee. The council agreed. Member Doezema recommended that we attempt to get non-elected citizen representation on each of our committees.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Dorothy Dieter, Ruth Newman, and Charlene (Oviatt) Zuydweg.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk