

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2017**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on December 11, 2017 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, Hunt, Flower, Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Absent: Wykstra

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Bill Mohr, resident. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Mohr had nothing to discuss.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the agenda with additions/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 Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for November 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Discussion on the issue of parking on the streets overnight. This is always against our ordinance and becomes very important this time of year when plowing starts. Clerk Doezema will send a letter to residents identified as those who park overnight on the street, with input from Council and DPW.
2. **Public Works:** Member Hunt reported that Boniface is scheduled to install the heater in the barn this week. It is also time for Christmas bonuses for DPW. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to give Eichler and Schaafsma each a \$200 Christmas bonus. Motion carried. It was noted that the work by the DPW crew is exceptional and appreciated.
3. **Streets:** Member Hunt reported that the annual storm drain cleaning is done. The big ditches are yet to be worked on and President Brinkhuis reported that Arnsmann is waiting until they no longer contain water. Not sure at this point if they will be done this year yet. Hunt reported on the Rural Task Force Meeting and that it doesn't look like Martin is on their schedule for the next 5 years. We need to include resurfacing of E. Allegan in the next budget. Member Hunt further reported that the new salt we are using appears to be working well on the roads. Discussion on Transcendia and whether we addressed the water runoff going into their basement. Member Flower will discuss this with the new owner when he speaks to them about their manufacturing processes and the sewer.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the recent sewer meeting with Plainwell, which was uneventful as far as Martin is concerned. We continue to work with Wightman & Associates to determine the source of high total suspended solids, reflected in the past 2 test cycles. It is possible it is merely a sampling error. Member Flower got information from DPW to purchase 3 relief valves at a cost of \$1500 each. We previously borrowed them from Otsego. It is not known whether we would actually get enough use out of them to justify the purchase. Member Flower will investigate.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the recent Christmas parade and activities. Various Council members heard some negative comments about the tree and the Santa Claus. Member Kelsey will address the issues prior to next year.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black not in attendance.

Old Business: None

New Business: Budget workshop is coming up in January. We will set the date at our January meeting. All committee chairs were encouraged to review their area and come up with lists and figures for the 2018/2019 budget.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Jerry “Dan” Patrick, Timothy Dimock, and Evangelina Jimenez.

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

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk