

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2015

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on January 12, 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, Flower, Doezema, Kelsey, Wykstra, Hunt and Deputy Clerk Merrill.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:20 pm arrival), Kirk Scharphorn, PCI, Jeff Brinkhuis, Joey Brinkhuis 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. Mr. Scharphorn spoke on behalf of Jeff and Joey Brinkhuis, requesting to split a platted parcel. He handed out a map of the area and outlined the two splits that need to be done so that both Jeff and Joey can build on the property. The proposed 1 acre parcels will each be 125' wide x 350' deep, which meet the building criteria. The original request was to split off one parcel and request a second split in about a year. There was a discussion on the benefits of requesting both at one time. Motion by Member Wykstra and seconded by Member Hunt to approve the proposed 2 parcel split. Motion carried. Mr. Scharphorn requested a copy of the minutes showing the vote. Member Doezema will send to him. Jeff Brinkhuis asked for a progress report on running sewer and water lines to the proposed parcel. Member Flower reported a quote from Balkema which concurs with recommendations by Wightman & Associates. The quote was for \$9000 to run water lines and \$11000 to run sewer lines. Jeff would be required to pay a combined \$3800 for water and sewer hook up, as well as for running the line to his house. The same applies to Joey Brinkhuis. This would be considered an extension to the sewer system. A recommendation was made to get quotes from GVL and Oetman. President Brinkhuis and Member Flower will follow up.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the agenda with additions of "Committee Assignments" under New Business. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter. Festival of Trees earned \$400.
2. EPA training session

3. Planning Commission Training
4. Thank you from Fred Bogdan

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. She highlighted that sidewalk repair money is coming in, as well as delinquent taxes. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to approve the report for December 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill, with discussion on the MISS DIG bill for \$680, and the Charter phone switch. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills, with the exception of the MISS DIG for \$680. Motion carried. Member Flower will research the bill.
3. **Budget Workshop:** The budget workshop will be Monday, January 26, starting at 6:30 pm.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** No report.
2. **Public Works:** No report.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra will get quotes for drains and storm sewers so we can include it in the budget discussion.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the golf cart may need new batteries, which are expensive. Member Wykstra will check out the golf cart. Horizon recently fixed the pump at the North Lift Station. Horizon gave us a quote (from Oetman Excavating) to replace the 100 ft of sewer line during the Plainwell road work, of approximately \$32,000. That would not include waste water pumping during the repairs. Member Flower reported on Shine Auto Wash, who is questioning their bill and water meter. We will set up a meeting with Bobby Jones to work this out. Member Doezema reported on discussions with the water employees and the sewer/water committee. She handed out information comparing the current water manning and cost against the recommended manning and cost. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Wykstra, to accept the sewer/water committee recommendation to reduce the daily water checks to 2 vice 3 a day and to increase Dan's and Luke's hourly rate to \$25/hour effective Jan. 1, 2015. Motion carried.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey had no report. Member Doezema discussed details of the upcoming Winter Festival on February 28. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to spend up to \$150 on advertising for the event. Motion carried. Member Wykstra discussed the proposed ice rink. The Martin Area Veterans and Lion's Club are both contributing to the project, as well as a donation of \$150 from Home Depot. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Doezema, to approve up to \$300 for additional cost of ice rink construction. Motion carried.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the recent Board of Commissioners Meeting of December 11, highlighting Commissioner Compensation and progress on the collective bargaining agreements.

Old Business: Member Doezema discussed the Council Appreciation Dinner. It was agreed that it should be held in March, on either a Friday or Saturday night, and that it was alright to go to a restaurant that required a limited menu choice for a large group. She will have details for the February meeting.

New Business: President Brinkhuis asked the Council members if anyone wanted to be on a different committee this cycle. No members wanted to switch committees. President Brinkhuis also informed the Council of his decision to make Member Hunt his Vice President.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: George Adrianson, Sharon Keyzer, Paul Brewer, and Jan Young.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Doezema to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Doezema, Clerk