

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2016

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on July 11, 2016 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 June 13, 2016 and June 13, 2016 Public Hearing as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:15 arrival time), Bob Genetski, 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. Bob Genetski is running for County Clerk and provided information on his platform and agenda.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter – highlighting the MAPS program and Fitness/Nutrition program.
2. Invitation to Mary Whiteford and Tonya Schuitmaker informational meeting on July 27.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank, as well as having moved money from the cash/checking account to the money market accounts. She is very happy with the new tax program and thinks it is much easier to use. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for June 2016 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill, highlighting any unusual bills. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

- 3. United Bank Recommendation** - Member Doezema and Member Rambadt discussed a meeting with Rhonda Parsons of United Bank, and subsequent communications. At this time, United Bank is offering more than 3 times the interest we currently received on our money market accounts from PNC. Doezema and Rambadt recommended that we move our money market accounts to United Bank, while keeping our checking at PNC for the time being. Questions and discussion from the council regarding whether the accounts will be completely accessible, which they will, and whether they will function the same as our current arrangement, which they will. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to move our money market accounts and funds from PNC to United Bank, with Don Flower and Darcy Doezema assigned as individuals authorized to access the accounts and make decisions regarding the funds. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** President Brinkhuis has heard complaints regarding residents use of the Consumers right of way behind Geib Memorial Park. Several adjacent residents use it as a driveway for personal traffic. Recommendation that the Clerk draft a letter to the adjacent residents asking them to stop. Member Doezema will draft a letter for review by the President and Trustees before mailing.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that we haven't found a truck yet. The red light is out on the tower. Member Hunt will replace it.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that we still need to crack seal East & West Allegan Streets. We received an estimate from Pavement Restoration for \$5535. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to accept the estimate and get the work done. Motion carried.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that there is a new home being built in Hidden Ponds and the owner wants to hook to water. Discussion on how best to handle this request. Recommendation made to send them a letter before they connect, informing them that they must pay \$2000 before the water will be turned on. Discussion on raising the sewer rate to \$8.00/1000 gallons, which needs to be done since Plainwell is raising the rate we pay them. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Doezema, to raise the rate to \$8.00 per 1000 gallons. Motion carried.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

7. Civic Affairs:

- a. Summer Festival – Member Doezema reported on the activities planned. Asked if anyone would be willing to scoop ice cream. Member Rambadt volunteered. She also told of an idea of a “float” to lead the parade. Member Rambadt and Member Kelsey volunteered to be a part of it. Other council members are still considering. President Brinkhuis volunteered to line up the parade.
- b. Community wide garage sales – Member Doezema reminded everyone that the sales will be August 12 & 13. She asked whether there was a problem with allowing non-residents to put up tables or booths in the water tower parking lot. No one had any objections.

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

9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided synopsis of his June 9, June 23 and June 29 meetings, highlighting the recent vote to partner with the Kent County Equalization Department, rather than to fill the vacant Allegan County position. Further discussion on new public safety radios.

Old Business:

1. Landscaping request – Member Doezema handed out an plan/estimate for landscaping the water tower area by Honeytree Nursery. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Hunt, to use authorize the expenditure of up to \$3500, taken from the Boysen Donation fund, for initial landscaping of the water tower area. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Harry Brown, Helen McCullough, Alice Kraima.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk