

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2015

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 9, 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 Kelsey and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2015, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:15 arrival), Byrnie Harmon (FCC Incorporated), Mike VanElderren, Mark VanElderren, Paul VanElderren, Rose Haaksma, Marlene Leep, and Derek Norman (East Martin Christian Reformed Church) 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. Byrnie Harmon presented the plans for the new VanElderren facility and they group asked questions regarding it. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the presented site plans. Motion carried. Marlene Leep had concerns on trash pick up. She was referred to the respective service provider. Rev. Norman introduced himself as the new pastor.

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. Teen Serve Work Camp
3. Proposal 1 Resolution – Offered by Member Wykstra. Discussion on the proposal and whether to vote on a resolution of support. Commissioner Black weighed in on whether it is even legal for a municipality to support a millage increase. The Resolution was tabled until April. Council members were asked to do their own research and come to the meeting with thoughts or decision.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. She reported that we have to pay for the Boss Drain and that there is still \$4500 in outstanding taxes. Motion made by Member

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

2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Final 2015-2016 Budget:** Member Doezema presented the final budget and Resolution 2015-3-6. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the budget and adopt Resolution 2015-3-6. Roll call vote: Brinkhuis – yes, Rambadt – yes, Kelsey – yes, Wykstra – yes, Flower – yes, Hunt – yes, Doezema – yes. Absent – none. Nays – none. Motion carried and resolution adopted. The Sewer/Water budget was presented and discussed. Motion by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the Sewer/Water budget for 2015-2016. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** No Report.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra discussed an estimate from Russell Builders to finish the salt bin. The estimate is for \$3394. They also estimated insulating and finishing the inside of the garage at \$5782. Member Wykstra will get additional quotes. Member Wykstra discussed raises for the DPW employees. He recommended a 5% increase to be effective April 1. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to give the two DPW employees 5% raises, effective April 1. Motion carried.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra will get additional quotes on drains before we move forward. We currently have one quote. He reported that we need to go ahead and cold patch some spots on the roads, rather than waiting to do hot patching.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the quarterly joint sewer meeting in Plainwell and the upcoming road work on 10th Street, which is probably delayed until June. Peerless Midwest recently serviced our pumps and Cummins Bridgeway recently serviced our generators. He discussed the water tower inspection and recommendations made. DPW employee Eichler is having surgery and is expected to be off of work for at least 3 weeks. He is working to have all his duties covered. Shine Auto Wash is convinced their meter is bad. We will proposed to him that we can test the meter but if the meter tests okay, then he must agree to pay for the test as well as to pay his water bill in full. If the meter is not okay, we will replace it at our cost and pay for the testing.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that the Winter Festival went great. Member Doezema discussed the money that was raised. In addition, there is money that was raised by the Martin Annual Fun Fest Committee (over a period of years) which those committee members agreed could be moved over into the Village savings account. The Council agreed that Member Doezema can open a separate savings account at PNC Bank to deposit funds that are raised at various Main Street events. Member Darcy Doezema and Member Anita Rambadt will have access to the account, for deposits and withdrawals, as well as to start the account.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the recent Board of Commissioners Meetings of February 12 and 26, highlighting the decision-making matrix and the tear down of the old jail.

Old Business:

1. Council Appreciation Dinner – Scheduled for March but is now rescheduled until April. Dates were discussed and April 25th was agreed upon.
2. Title VI Plan – Member Doezema presented the plan, as approved by Lansing. She asked Council members to review the plan prior to the April 13 meeting, when we need to vote to accept it. The Plan is available in hard copy in the Village office.

New Business:

None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Aileen Northrup, Betty Tein, Pamela Knowlton, June Fink, and Ed Shook.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk