

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2016

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 14, 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 February 8, 2016, with corrections. 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. Rambadt had no comment and Don Black deferred until later in the agenda.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Wykstra 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. Steensma notice on the Commercial Expo
3. Notice of Martin Township meeting for Special Exception Land Use
4. Public Hearing Notice from Leighton Township
5. 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. There is \$5283 in outstanding taxes to be collected. She reported that our settlement with the County went well. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to approve the report for February 2016 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. She added the following bills that came in late: General Fund – Arnsman \$1000 for concrete removal and Watco \$1978 for Public Safety (rail crossing), Arnsman \$400 from Building Fund for

snow removal on old Boysen property, and Arnsman \$150 for salt. Further discussion on generator maintenance and decision to move \$502.05 for Cummins Bridgeway to the Sewer Fund. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills, as amended, and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

- 3. Budget Resolution and Approval of Final 2016-2017 Budget:** Member Doezema presented the final budget and Resolution 2016-3-12. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Flower to approve the budget and adopt Resolution 2016-3-12. 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 Wykstra to approve the Sewer/Water budget for 2016-2017. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Discussion on the speed sign on south 10th St. The County put it up after getting complaints about speeders. Member Flower will look into how to get one of the signs, compared to what he looked at previously. Member Flower reported that the recent active shooter exercise seemed to go well, whereas President Brinkhuis thought it was chaotic. Participants reported that it was not perfect, but was the best exercise to date. Martin Fire Department representative Van Putten did a great job. Very good input from Don Rambadt.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported the Bobcat needs a new brush. A brush and fittings will cost \$1817.90 from Carlton Equipment. Suggestion was made to get another price from Woodhams. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Flower, to spend up to \$2000 on the Bobcat and sweeper. Motion carried. Discussion on the condition of the Lion's Club paper shed. In an effort to further improve and beautify the Village, the Lion's Club and the Martin Area Veterans propose a three way split of costs with the Village to replace doors and do some painting. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Doezema, to allocate up to \$500 for the paper shed project. Motion carried.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra reported he has acquired 3 bids to do the necessary work on Lee, University, Chalmers, and Elsie Streets. Bids are from Michigan Paving, A1 Asphalt, and Superior Asphalt. A1 Asphalt is the cheapest at \$53997. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Rambadt, to accept the quote from A1 Asphalt to do the local street work, and to accept the quote of \$1200 from Van Laan to repair the manhole on Elsie. Motion carried. Also noted, the Township ordered their traffic cones and will be invoicing the Village \$440.

4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the most recent joint sewer meeting went well, with Otsego the focus rather than Martin. Discussion on whether we need a small generator and whether one was included in the budget. No action taken.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black discussed whether Martin Township is planning to put the recycling option on the ballot. He distributed information from meetings held on February 11 and 25, highlighting increased juror compensation and the capital purchase of 10 vehicles. Discussion on vehicles and how they were purchased. Don also reminded us that the Commission on Aging is still looking for committee members.

Old Business:

1. Deputy Treasurer Position – Upon further review, Member Rambadt decided against hiring a deputy. The issue is shelved for now. Clerk Doezema will send letters to applicants.
2. DPW Raises – Discussion on increasing one worker’s pay to \$15, to bring it to a more appropriate level for the work performed, and to increase the other worker’s pay from \$17.03 to \$17.54, giving him a 3% cost of living raise. Input was given by the DPW supervisor on the issue. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Hunt, to impose the above pay increases beginning on April 1, 2016. Motion carried.
3. Sale of Boysen Property – Discussion on the sale of the property and the return of donations. The Council reviewed proposed motions and a letter from Ken Bleeker. It was decided to table a vote until a good resolution could be drawn up for next month. The resolution will contain language that restricts the use of the donated funds, to be used for Village beautification and improvements in the immediate downtown area near the four corners.
4. Council Appreciation Dinner – Discussion on dates. Member Doezema will check with everyone to see if April 21 or April 27 works better. Location will be Four Roses Café.

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Jean Talsma, Kristy Warner, Thomas Greene, Sandy DeMann

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk