

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
May 12, 2014

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on May 12, 2014, 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, Hunt, Wykstra and Deputy Clerk Merrill.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2014, as presented, and to approve the minutes of the special meetings held April 26, May 1, and May 3, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:50 arrival), Marlene Leep, and Ken Bleeker. President Brinkhuis asked the visitor to state his purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Marlene Leep reported that the Library would be having a bake sale on Memorial Day. They are in need of a pop-up canopy. Ken Bleeker offered to provide them one. She also reported that the Library will be closed on Saturday, June 7, due to the B93 Birthday Bash. All other visitors opted to speak later in the agenda.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule – letter received and handled by PCI.
3. Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension – Will be signed and mailed by Clerk
4. Letter from concerned citizen about condition of Clark station
5. Seventh Day Adventist notice for June, July, and August
6. Notice and brochures for Allegan County Resource Expo
7. Email complaint about the Sewer/Water payment drop box
8. B93 meeting reporting that the Mounted Division will be there but we have not been notified. Member Hunt and Member Flower will follow up.

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills have been paid and we have reconciled with bank. She also discussed a recent rule by the State of Michigan which will impact homeowners who pay taxes for 2 homes. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for April 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Many bills were paid prior to the meeting, to ensure payment by due date. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
- 3. Tax Collection Resolution:** Member Doezema presented Resolution 2014-5-2, for Collection of Delinquent Taxes. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to adopt Resolution 2014-5-2. 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.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Hunt and Member Flower will find out whether the Mounted Division will be in town for sure for the B93 Bash. Member Flower reported that the traffic signal will be flashing during roadwork.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Wykstra discussed a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the DPW employees. The committee recommends that Mike Schaafsma's pay is raised to \$10.00/hour due to the great job he is doing. The committee further recommends that both employees be given a 3% COLA starting in the current pay period. That would put Schaafsma's pay at \$10.30 and Eichler's pay at \$16.22. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to make the recommended pay changes as stated above. Motion carried. Member Wykstra reported that the bucket needs to be repaired. He will get an estimate.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that hole patching in the road will begin the week of May 19. Pavement Restoration will also give us an quote on patching the parking lot.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that Balkema will do the work at the Harness property on the 13th or 14th. He also reported that the flow report from Prien & Newhof shows BODs are down a bit but there has been no report from Plainwell about testing. He also provided an update on the State Chemical test period, of which the results of the tests are not yet known. Member Flower's computer needs to be upgraded. Discussion on the cost of new computers and where to charge it to. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt to purchase a new computer from I.T. Right for \$625 and split the cost between sewer fund, water fund, and general fund. Motion carried.

5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the parade and ceremony details. She has provided an agenda to John VandenBerg and it appear that everything is set. The Lion's Club is the Grand Marshall and there was a discussion on who would be riding and who would be walking in the parade.
8. **Five Year Planning:** Discussion on the Boysen building demolition. Ken Bleeker submitted an agreement between the Village and its donors for the Council to consider. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to accept the agreement and place it in the Village files. Motion carried. President Brinkhuis as begun talking to people about forming a committee to decide what to do with the property. Korene VandenBerg has agreed to take part. President Brinkhuis has spoken with Arnsman who has gotten their demolition permit from PCI but is still waiting to get something from the State of Michigan. Utilities have been removed. Member Doezema asked President Brinkhuis to contact Arnsman and get the contract signed. Ken Bleeker discussed fund raising efforts. We are not at 100% of the goal but they are still trying. He got word from the Township Board that they are willing to cooperate on developing the entire block. Ken further asked that we have the Allegan County Economic Development Board at the 1st meeting of the committee to develop the property and suggested that we contact Western Michigan University Marketing Department to help. Member Doezema reported that the Industrial Development District Public Hearing will be held on June 9 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular Council Meeting. Property owners have been notified and an announcement was submitted to the newspaper.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the May 8 Board of Commissioners Meeting, highlighting the Road Commission Building Project using Allegan County's credit, which has a very high rating. He also showed the article about the Allegan Co. jail in a national publication, *Correctional News*. The County is looking at possibly getting some military surplus stuff. He reported on the Economic Development Commission, of which the board members are very motivated and knowledgeable. There was a question about cameras in law enforcement vehicles. Commissioner Black did not have a definitive answer but will find out.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Upcoming Elections – Member Doezema reminded the Council which positions are up for election this year.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Jayrd Ford, Kyle Anderson, Beatrice Norton

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Doezema, Clerk