

**Village of Martin  
Regular Meeting  
November 9, 2015**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on November 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 Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:20 arrival), Don Rambadt, Kirk Scharphorn Jr, Lori Castillo, Mike Van Elderen, and Mark Van Elderen. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Scharphorn and Castillo were in attendance representing PCI in discussions on the Dollar General site plans and the Van Elderen Inc site plans.

Mike Van Elderen presented site plans for a new building and also a waste water storage area they would like to build. The waste storage consists of 8 open tanks, where the waste water will be aeriated and moved from tank to tank, with the hopes by the time it enters the final tank it will be legal to spread it on fields. Member Kelsey expressed concern over smell. Van Elderen is confident that the aeration will eliminate any odor issue. If odor does become a problem, they will cover the tanks with bladders as needed. President Brinkhuis asked that they include the bladders in their final site plan for approval. Member Doezema questioned whether the new storage will bring more flies, like the issue this past spring. Kirk, of PCI, said that the flies were an issue throughout the county and area and he thinks it was weather related. Van Elderen said that Tom Deneau of Wightman & Associates is checking with the DEQ and Health Department on all aspects of the plan, including VE's desire to install a septic system. President Brinkhuis asked to have the septic system represented on the final site plan.

Member Doezema asked that the Council defer any voting until they can hold a special meeting to discuss other sewer issues regarding Van Elderen Inc. Mike Van Elderen asked what those were and she informed him and the Council of the recent Notice of Violation and Consent Agreement that the Village was going to be paying, and wondered if Van Elderen would want to discuss their share of those costs before putting a large amount of money into construction. Mike Van Elderen very strongly voiced that he has no intention of paying any of the engineering & attorney fees, or fines, related to the sewer issues. The issue of the Notice of Violation and Consent Agreement was tabled until a special meeting can be held for further discussion.

Discussion among the council that some members prefer to split the plan, and only vote on the new building but defer the waste water storage vote until they can do more research. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Hunt, to approve the preliminary site plans as is. Council was split on the vote, with 3 ayes and 3 nays. In a tie breaker, President Brinkhuis voted yes. Motion carried.

Kirk, of PCI, remarked that it is typical that the council would seek an engineer's opinion, outside of the engineer who did the design. As well, it is typical that the requestor (VE Inc) would pay for that service, as well as any other costs related to site plan review by the Council. Member Doezema will research and put together a policy and fee schedule for council approval.

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

**Communications:** Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Region 8 Notes
3. Updated Michigan Residential Code
4. Letter from Ben Schipper
5. Brownfield Redevelopment Request
6. Allegan Conservation District Annual Report
7. Rural Task Force Letter

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the report for October 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Deputy Clerk Merrill reported that we paid Rob Porter \$370 last month for leaf removal and that another payment of \$290 should be included in November bills, for a total to date of \$660 from Major Streets. He was contracted to help DPW while Tim was recuperating. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

**Department Updates/Reports:**

1. **Public Safety:** Member Flower discussed the speed sign he has been researching. One sign costs \$2800 and is very mobile. Member Kelsey asked that we table that item until budget time.

2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that leaf pickup is going well and that Tim is back to work.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra asked when Arnsman will be doing the drain work and the ice rink leveling. President Brinkhuis said they were supposed to start any time.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that Shine Auto wash is keeping up with the agreed upon payments. Letters went out to delinquent utility customers. He also gave a SAW Grant update that work has begun to document the system. Impellers have been delivered. Member Doezema discussed the Notice of Violation and the Consent Agreement. A special meeting was set for November 17 at 7 p.m. to discuss it.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Rambadt reported that the Christmas parade planning is going well and advertisement have been arranged.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black reported that the old jail is now completely down and the Commission is going about their usual business. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Dog License Resolution 2015-11-11 – Member Doezema discussed the opportunity for the Village to sell dog licenses. Motion by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to decline the responsibility of selling Allegan County Dog Licenses. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema. Nays: None.  
Absent: None

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Myron Knight, Alice Washtoak, James Gernhart, and Jerome Bellgraph.

**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