

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2016

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on September 13, 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 Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: 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. No visitor comments.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter

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 received approximately \$14,000 in taxes in July, which is very good, and posted another \$33,000 this month. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for August 2016 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Discussion on SAW Grant money. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
3. **Yeo & Yeo:** Member Doezema handed out the results of the annual audit financial statements. Members were encouraged to read them over and bring questions to the next meeting.

- 4. Boysen Accounting:** Member Doezema explained a handout on accounting of the Boysen Project funds, which were moved from the Building Fund to the General Fund at the auditors recommendation. There is currently \$46,601 to spend on Village improvements but Member Doezema reminded everyone that there would be no revenue coming in to offset that amount.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** No fence update. Member Hunt is still waiting to hear from Consumer's Energy. President Brinkhuis will attend the next school board meeting to ask about expanding the drain onto school property and also about putting up a fence.
- 2. Public Works:** No report. President Brinkhuis will arrange for siding the salt bin, as approved in the current budget.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra and Member Flower reported a number of street lights are out again. Member Hunt will follow up with Consumer's Energy.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the September 1 Joint Sewer Meeting, which was fairly uneventful from our perspective. There was also a meeting recently with Al Lettinga to discuss the water tower. Our plan is to wait until spring, then drain the tower and clean out the silt. The tank will be further evaluated and decisions will be made at that time whether more work needs to be done.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Doezema discussed having a Christmas Light Contest similar to last year. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Rambadt, to have a contest again this year. Motion carried. Member Doezema discussed having a bulletin board mounted on the outside wall and researched prices. Motion by Member Rambadt, supported by Member Doezema, to spend up to \$500 on a bulletin board. Motion carried.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** President Brinkhuis asked Member Doezema to set up a meeting with Ken Bleeker to discuss marketing our area to banks and credit unions. Member Doezema will follow up.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black not present. Council members reviewed his meeting synopsis.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Mandy Reinke, James Adrion, Jake VandenBerg, Grace Scarberry

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk