

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2016

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on April 11, 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. Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner, Natalie VanHouten, Mary Whiteford 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. Mary Whiteford told the council about her office and staff, and assured them her #1 goal is to be responsive to people's needs. She currently is assigned to the following committees: Agriculture, Military and Veteran's Affairs, and Natural Resources. Natalie gave a library update, reporting on donations received, the February open house, May 14 open house for Nan Darrow, and the Friends of the Library \$1400 contribution to the Wish List.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Wykstra 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. Letter from Jane Mazei
4. Note from Denise Dykstra

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. She was happy to report that all personal property tax is now paid up to date. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the report for March 2016 as submitted. Motion carried. Discussion on SAW Grant monies and that we will get payments periodically, as Wightman submits for disbursement of funds. Discussion on the accounting of the sale of the Boysen

property, regarding what we have spent to date and how many donations have been returned. There will be a more thorough accounting in May or June.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill, discussing an item in the breakout of the MML insurance premium that was new. Member Doezema will follow up with MML before we pay the bill. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Hunt reported that he contacted Consumer's Energy about the need for a fence around our drainage ditch. CE needs to add to our written agreement before that can happen. Member Hunt also spoke with PCI, who recommended a 6 ft. high fence.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that the Bobcat and broom have been repaired by Woodhams for less money than Carlton estimated.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that A1 Asphalt will begin work on the designated local streets on Wednesday, April 13 and will finish on the 14th. It was decided that Member Doezema should get a notice out to affected residents and also to call Republic because Wednesday is trash pickup day.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the following issues: (1) We sent another letter to Shine Auto Wash, who is severely delinquent. (2) Wightman has requested a SAW grant meeting for Tuesday, April 19, at 6 p.m. (3) Rate increase from Plainwell will now occur every year. We need to raise our per 1000 gallon rate to \$8.00. (4) Additional testing is being performed and an application for permit to discharge is due April 20. Member Flower and Member Doezema are working on it. (5) We are still trying to schedule work on the water tower. (6) Discussion on whether we need a generator in the tower and whether the Township would help pay for it. Member Wykstra will discuss it at the next Township meeting. (7) Member Doezema reported on a recent meeting between Plainwell, the DEQ and VanElderen Inc.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** Member Doezema reported that resident Goulouze came in and discussed a desire to have her property rezoned residential. She was given an application and instructions. Further discussion on whether we could allow two or more residents to file under the same application, to reduce their costs. No decision but we will look into it further.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that she has begun planning for Memorial Day.

8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.

9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black distributed the synopses for the March 10 and March 24 meetings. He reported that John Campbell is running for the County Clerk position, as well as other candidates. He also highlighted that they are working on the 911 radio project.

Old Business:

1. Resolution – Member Doezema presented Resolution 2016-4-1 to Provide for the Refund or Dedication of Certain Donations. Resolution was read and briefly discussed. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to adopt Resolution 2016-4-1. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema. Nays – None. Resolution declared adopted.
2. Village Appreciation Dinner – Will be held at Four Roses Café on April 27, starting at 6:30 p.m.

New Business:

1. Landscaping Plan – Member Doezema is discussing landscaping with Mike of Honeytree Nursery.
2. Parade – Member Doezema informed the Council that there will be a fun parade at the beginning of the Summer Festival on July 23.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Juanita Shook.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Doezema, Clerk