

**Village of Martin  
Regular Meeting  
July 14, 2014**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on July 14, 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 June 9, 2014, and the Public Hearing of June 9, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Mary Whiteford (candidate for State Representative), Don Rambadt, Dan Kelsey, and Natalie VanHouten. 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 introduced herself and passed out her campaign information. Dan Kelsey asked the Council what they can do about the band that comes to the school to practice each year. They are disturbing him and other residents on that side of the school. The Council will send a letter to the MHS school board to inform them of the resident's concerns. Natalie VanHouten reported on the library and that all programs are going well.

**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.

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with bank. She reported that we purchased a computer for Member Flower's use and that all donations are in for the Boysen demolition, totaling \$50,280. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to approve the report for June 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

Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

### **Department Updates/Reports:**

1. **Public Safety:** We need to call about removing the dead tree near Dan Kelsey's house. DPW needs to contact Dan to let him know the tree will be removed.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra brought up the issue of the new snow blower. The Council will try to have updated financial information for the August meeting, so a decision can be made.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra reported issues with the crosswalk tape which was used after the recent street work. Discussion on whether to just pull it up and paint or paint the bad spots. Consensus was that we should pull it up and repaint. He also reported that lines are being painted on business parking spaces.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that a new meter was installed at Shine Auto Wash. A spot check of the meter showed that they had used 15,000 gallons in approximately 4 days. Member Flower mailed them their 10 day shut off notice on the 14<sup>th</sup> and shut off is identified as 28 July 2014 unless bill is paid in full. Member Flower also reported that the annual CCR DEQ Report is late due to a mistake on our part and we will be receiving a violation notice and a fine. The report has now been mailed and he is in communication with the DEQ to ensure we do everything correctly. The City of Plainwell is doing major road work on part of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and recommend that if we have any need to replace or re-line sewer lines, that would be the time to do it. Discussion on having Clean Earth video the lines and then we could get estimates to repair as necessary. The Sewer Committee will gather information and meet prior to the September Council meeting, to make a recommendation on the sewer lines. Member Flower reported on the recent State Chemical project. The City of Plainwell has seen very little difference in the amount of bioxide they have needed to use on our waste. Member Flower has discussed this with Tom Rook of Horizon Operations and they both recommend that we discontinue the service by State Chemical. The City of Plainwell is looking into getting a new bioxide tank, for which the Village will need to pay 80% of the cost. At this time it is projected to be approximately \$300/month.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the Community Garden activities and inquired as to whether they can use the parking lot on Friday afternoons, as they have before. The Council had no problem with that. She also discussed the gathering to commemorate the old Boysen building. She will get information together and present at the next meeting. Member Kelsey discussed the closing of the Pharmacy. Motion by

Member Doezema, supported by Member Wykstra, to spend up to \$250 on a gift for Chris Carman, to be paid from Community Promotion. Motion carried.

8. **Five Year Planning:** Member Doezema reported that the sign has been ordered, to thank the donors. Also, the RFP is nearly done and she will send it to Don Black and the Allegan County Economic Development commission for input.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black did not attend. (He arrived after the meeting was adjourned and provided a synopsis of the recent Board of Commissioners Meetings).

**Old Business:** Member Doezema will be turning in election materials next week.

**New Business:** None

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: George Channels Jr, Cassandra Keyzer, Gene Fenton, Francis Dunklee Jr, Diane Kay Reed, Kelly Lynn Saur.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Wykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darcy Doezema, Clerk