

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2014

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on June 9, 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 Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Rambadt, Ken Bleeker, Jack Arnsman, Rusty (of Dick's Market), Natalie Van Houtne, and Bob Genetski. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Natalie Van Houten reported on library news and handed out information on the Summer Reading Program and 2 other programs. Also, the book sale will be in November and she asked that everyone donate their unwanted books. Bob Genetski gave a legislative update, including discussion on the budget surplus and how it would be spread out over 3 years on various projects. President Brinkhuis relayed to Genetski our recent interactions with the DEQ and MI OSHA. The biggest problem seemed to be that the process just wasn't clear. All other visitors opted to speak later in the agenda.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. She added an item on the Financial Items of "Audit". Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Liquor license notice – Clark Station
3. Email from a concerned citizen regarding the Birthday Bash. Member Flower forwarded it to the Township.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills have been paid and we have reconciled with bank. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for May 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.
3. **2014 Property Tax Resolution:** Member Doezema presented Resolution 2014-6-3, for the 2014 Property Tax Resolution. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt to adopt Resolution 2014-6-3. 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.
4. **Audit:** Member Doezema reminded the Council that the auditors will be on site starting Wednesday, June 18 and staying through the week. While they are here, they will assist the Clerk in resolving the “due to/due from” accounts. Motion by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to clear out the due to/due from accounts up to March 31, 2014. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** President Brinkhuis reported that the mounted division was here briefly for B93 Bash. Very few problems this year and traffic was fine. Member Flower reported that he got the agreement in the mail for the traffic signal maintenance contract.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that the repairs to the tractor bucket will be \$720. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to repair/rebuild the bucket. Motion carried. Member Wykstra further reported that some lights in the water tower aren't working. President Brinkhuis added that some lights outside aren't working either. Member Wykstra and DPW Eichler will look into it. Member Doezema reported on 3 trees that appear dead and need to be cut (near Kelsey on Chalmers and on the edge of the water tower parking lot). Member Wykstra will look into it.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that there are issues with the lines put on the road using tape. He will contact the company to fix them. Member Kelsey questioned why we didn't do the east/west roads when we did the Main St. resurfacing. Discussion followed on the MDOT schedule and why it works the way it does.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that his new computer is working fine. He also sent out letters on backflow preventers and 2 got returned. President Brinkhuis will hand deliver the Hildebrand letter. Shine Auto Wash is at the end of their 30 day shut off notice tomorrow. A 10 day notice will go out on Wednesday, with shut off likely June 22. Discussion on Shine Auto Wash and that they need to have their backflow preventer and their by-pass inspected. This will all be included in their next letter. Member Flower further reported on the State Chemical trial period. BODs are down. We will have Tom Rook review the data, discuss it with Plainwell, and make a decision in July.

5. **Finance:** No report. President Brinkhuis asked for a quarterly report on the budget, which Member Doezema will provide at the July meeting.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. All went well and things are wrapped up.
8. **Five Year Planning:** Discussion on the Boysen building demolition. Ken Bleeker asked that we make a decision on how the sign should look and to vote on the cost. Discussion by the Council that they preferred all donors be shown as equal, whereas Bleeker would like them separated by size of donation. Member Doezema will do some questioning of donors and decide. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to pay no more than \$500 for the sign. Motion carried.
9. **County Commissioner:** Don Black could not attend due to schedule conflicts (Lake Doster Board meeting) but thanked the Council for the parade and letting him be a part of it. President Brinkhuis handed out his synopsis of County Commissioner meetings.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Upcoming Elections – Member Doezema handed out paperwork for those wishing to be candidates in the next election
2. Member Doezema informed the Council that the Allegan County Historical Society and Old Jail Museum would have a display on Martin Township starting in July. Also, there is a fun haunted cemetery tour on June 28.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Everett Gilson and Rachael Rice.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Doezema, Clerk