

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2015

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on June 8, 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 Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2015 and the special meeting of May 18, 2015, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Paul VanElderen, Mike VanElderen, Jake Dykstra, Denise Dykstra, Natalie VanHouten, 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. Natalie reported on the Library Summer Reading program. Jake and Denise Dykstra are new residents in town and introduced themselves. Paul and Mike VanElderen reported on a recent meeting with Plainwell City regarding sewer discharge. Member Kelsey asked how the Council could help. Mike asked that we push Plainwell for answers to questions they asked in writing. Member Flower will follow up with Plainwell.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Teen Serve Calendar
3. Information on "The Way We Worked" exhibition
4. "Thank You" from PNC Bank
5. Notice from SOM 57th District Court of completion of their Annual Report and State of the Court

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 Flower to approve the report for May 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
3. **Tax Resolution:** Member Doezema presented the annual Truth in Taxation information and the 2015 Property Tax Resolution. Resolution 2015-6-9 offered by Member Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt, and Doezema. Nays – None. Absent – N/A Resolution declared adopted.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Hunt gave an update on security for the B93 event.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra received a bid to finish the pole barn project from Newhoff Construction for \$5900. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to accept the bid and schedule the work. Motion carried. Member Wykstra is getting quotes to put siding on the small garage.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra reported on the status of the leaf vacuum. It is estimated to cost \$3000 to fix it. He handed out information on a new unit. He also reported on the need to fix the wood statues in the Village.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Guests Mike and Paul VanElderen further discussed their situation and reported that nothing productive came from their meeting with Plainwell. They did report that “pump and haul” is not as expensive as they first thought it would be. Member Flower reported on the status of Shine Auto Wash. Shine did not respond to the Village request for a payment plan, so Member Flower issued a letter and a plan for them. President Brinkhuis told Member Flower to issue a 10 day shut off notice and that we need a payment by the 20th of the month. Member Doezema brought up the Larry Harness sewer connection issue and that it appears he is selling his house on a land contract, therefore he owes for the remainder of the work done at his house. President Brinkhuis will call Harness and discuss it.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Doezema plans to advertise for Community wide garage sales August 7 and 8 and will include a flyer in the tax bills going out.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.

- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black was unable to attend but sent information with President Brinkhuis to report to the Council. He provided the synopsis of the May 14 and May 28 meetings, as well as reporting that he took 4 Martin school students to the annual Lincoln Dinner Day on June 4. They are: Pamela Heijerman, Austin Pillars, Ben Moored, Andrew Dykstra. Directories were handed out.

Old Business:

1. Trail Resolution – Member Doezema presented Resolution 2015-6-10, in support of a West Michigan Non-Motorized Trail. Motion by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt and Doezema. Nays – None. Absent – NA.

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Mary Houseman and Douglas Leep.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk