

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2016

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on June 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 7:05 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 Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Zach Roberts 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. Zach previously sent a letter requesting to put a wireless radio on the water tower so that he could get high speed internet (from Charter) at his home in Watson Township. Discussion and questions from the council regarding whether there would be interference with the fire department signal (should not be, as it is in a different radio spectrum) or the telemetry between the tower and wellhouse (also should not be a problem). At this time it appears there is no conflict with West Michigan Wireless. Some issues to consider: (1) Whether any Ordinance prohibits it, (2) Who will put it up? Must be bonded, insured, etc, (3) What would we charge for rent, and (4) Does this set a bad precedence whereas more people would want to do the same and whether that is an agreeable situation. We will research and get back to Zach. Another visitor arrived at approximately 7:25 – Abigail Nobel, who is running for State Representative in the August 2016 primary. She discussed many of the initiatives and issues she wants to work on.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Member Flower added “Golf Carts” to New Business. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. West Michigan Trails & Greenways Request – Member Doezema discussed this request. Motion by Member Doezema that the Council provide a grant match of \$100 to assist in the trail development project, to be paid from the Community Promotion fund, supported by Member Rambadt. Motion carried.
2. JC Wheeler Newsletter – Member Doezema highlighted items in the current newsletter.
3. Region 8 Notes – Available for review.

4. Seventh Day Adventist Church Notice – The youth from this church will be in the Village again this year, during June – August.
5. Miss DIG – Member Flower has received a lot of requests from Miss DIG for PNC bank. Lines are being marked for sewer, water and other utilities.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we received the delinquent taxes from the county. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Doezema to approve the report for May 2016 as submitted. Motion carried. There was a question regarding the \$1900 still outstanding from the new house built in Hidden Ponds. Our agreement was that they pay the balance when the house sells, although we don't get notice of the sale because it is Township, not Village. Member Flower will follow up. Treasurer Rambadt presented Resolution 2016-6-3 allowing for delinquent taxes to be collected through February 2017. Motion by Treasurer Rambadt, supported by Member Hunt to adopt Resolution 20167-6-3. Roll call vote:

Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema

Nays – None

Absent – None

Resolution declared adopted.

2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Need to move the VanLaan bill for concrete sealing to the General Fund (work done on the memorial at Geib Park). Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Flower to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

3. **Truth in Taxation:** Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Flower to adopt Resolution 2016-6-4, establishing a millage rate of 8.9609 for the 2016 property tax. Roll call vote:

Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema

Nays – None

Absent – None

Resolution declared adopted.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** No report.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that all things appear ready for the B93 Birthday Bash on June 18 & 19.
3. **Streets:** No report.

4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the recent Sewer Committee meeting with Van Elderen Inc. Motion by Member Rambadt, supported by Member Flower, to accept the Van Elderen Inc offer of \$711.60 to get the surcharge off of the books. Motion carried. This offer was accepted to finally put this surcharge issue to rest, after all attempts at reasonable discussion and information gathering were exhausted. Member Flower also reported on the forcemain spill at 108th and 10th Street which was the result of a small stress fracture. We do not know the cause and it is perplexing because the fracture occurred in section of pipe that appeared to be in great shape and was in a low spot of the line which typically doesn't have problems. Member Flower is still attempting to get a quote from Al Lettinga on water tower repairs and will check with other communities to see how they handle hook up charges.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Doezema reminded the Council of the Summer Festival on July 23 and the Gilson siren dedication, which will take place at noon on July 23.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black was not in attendance but sent the synopsis of the meetings on May 12, May 26, and June 9.

Old Business:

1. Landscaping – Member Doezema did not have the information she needed to present this item so it is tabled until next month.

New Business:

1. Golf Carts – Discussion on how to address the need for some individuals to travel on the roads with their golf carts. Member Doezema will check into what kind of rules are in place for other areas.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Greg Melvin (MHS graduate) and Walter Gillett (MHS graduate and Navy veteran). Deputy Clerk Merrill is related to Greg Melvin and told the Council about his life and living with terminal cancer.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk