

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2016

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on May 9, 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 Rambadt and supported by Member Flower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: John Roggow, Kirk Scharphorn Jr, Bernie Harmon (FCC), Ken Bleeker, 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. John and Kirk discussed the plans for construction at Marshal Plastic. Site plans have been reviewed by the Council members over the preceeding week. They discussed the different phases of construction, the location of fire hydrants, and the creation of a new access road. PCI addressed the need for a variance on the side setback, which they support. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Wykstra, to approve the variance for a side setback of 5'1", rather than 15' and to approve the site plan as presented. Motion carried. Ken Bleeker thanked the Council for their work on improving the downtown and encouraged that they get public input on ideas for improvement.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the agenda with addition of New Business – Van Elderen Letter. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter and the invitation to the Open House for Nan Darrow.
2. Information on the AAESA 5K on May 21.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. On change on the Treasure's Report is the change from Feb to Mar. Treasurer Rambadt reported that we paid MML, which is significantly higher than the previous years and that we transferred money for Local Street work from the Local Street Money Market. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by

Member Flower to approve the report for March 2016 with correction. Motion carried. Member Rambadt suggested that we look at how the assessment revenue goes into our system and also to research what other municipalities charge for sewer/water expansions.

2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. She added the bill from Van Laan for \$1200 to fix the catch basin on Elsie Street, on Local Streets. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
3. **Truth in Taxation:** Member Doezema discussed the need to conduct a Truth in Taxation hearing this year, in order to keep our levied milage at a good level. We could conduct the official hearing prior to the June 13 meeting. She presented Resolution 2016-5-2, establishing a tentative additional tax levy of .0207 mills for 2016-2017 and scheduling a Public Hearing on increasing property taxes for the 2016 tax year for June 13, 2016 at 7 p.m. Motion by Member Wykstra to adopt the resolution, supported by Member Flower. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema. Nays – None. Absent – N/A. Resolution declared adopted.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Hunt reported that he is still following up on the franchise agreement with Consumers, to allow us to fence in the big drainage ditch. Discussion on the upcoming B93 Birthday Bash (June 18 & 19) and whether we will have the Mounted Patrol in town. Member Hunt and/or Member Doezema will follow up.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that he purchased a weed trimmer and leaf blower from Steensma, using the tool allowance in the budget. He also reported that the bucket on the bucket truck needs to be replaced and he will get estimates. DPW employee Michael Schaafsma will be out of work beginning early June with a knee operation. We anticipate him being off for 6 weeks.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that we have a tentative list of sidewalks needing repair and an estimate of \$28/linear foot from Van Laan (with a minimum of 150 ft). Discussion on the recent increase in traffic due to construction on US131 and whether we can adjust the traffic signal.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that he is still waiting on estimates for water tower repairs. He also reported that letters have been sent to residents regarding delinquent utility bills and putting the amount on their taxes.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that plans are going well. She recommended we have the WWII Veterans (Bob Kelsey, Carl Levitt, Steve Leep and Verl Scott) as our Grand Marshals. The Council had no opposition.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black was not in attendance but sent the synopsis of the April 14, April 21 and April 28 Commissioner meetings.

Old Business:

1. Village Clean Up Day is May 19. Discussion on whether to have 4 large flower pots filled and located on each corner at Allegan and 10th Street. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Rambadt, to borrow the pots from Wayland and have them filled at Zeinstra Countryside Greenhouse for \$75/each. Motion carried.
2. Township Trash Day is May 21.

New Business: Van Elderen Letter – Van Elderen’s generated a letter in response to the letter they received about their delinquent utility bill (surcharges from 2015 which have yet to be paid). President Brinkhuis recommended we have a special meeting to discuss it. Member Doezema will contact Paul Van Elderen and see what we can do to resolve the issue.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Helen Munn, Carlene Oisten, Floyd Patrick, Ashley Pallett, Valerie Davis, and Joan Langford.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk