

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 10, 2014**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on November 10, 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 and Deputy Clerk Merrill. Member Wykstra was absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Judge William Baillargeon, Allegan Co. 57<sup>th</sup> District Judge, Don Black, County Commissioner (7:20 arrival), Natalie Van Houten, Jeff Brinkhuis, Bob Genetski, Jim Riley, Mr. & Mrs. Brzezinski, 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. Judge Baillargeon presented a brief update of the district court and provided website information. Bob Genetski gave a legislative update. Natalie VanHouten reported on the recent book sale and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Jim Riley, a real estate agent representing the Brzezinski family, asked for a Special Use Permit for his clients to purchase the home at 1032 W. Allegan St. and open an in-house wholesale bakery. Discussions with the Brzezinskis family concerning details and whether they spoke with PCI, which they had. Motion by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to allow the Special Use Permit. Motion carried. Jeff Brinkhuis informed the Council that he will be building a house in the spring, just north of his father's house but still in the Village. Discussions on how many parcels were paid for already by the Brinkhuis family. Member Rambadt will research. Brinkhuis asked for information on the cost of connecting to water and sewer. Member Flower and Member Doezema will have the information for him before the end of the year.

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda and added New Business: (1) Marshall Plastic plans and (2) Water system manning. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

**Communications:** Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. MML Training invitation
3. Miss Dig Non-Compliance letter
4. Charter phone quote

## **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 Hunt to approve the report for October 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill, adding the invoice from Ed's Truck Repair for \$815.58 to the Equipment Fund. Deputy Clerk Merrill also reminded the Council that the new tractor was delivered and we will be paying the invoice of approximately \$32,525. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills, with additions, and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

## **Department Updates/Reports:**

- 1. Public Safety:** No report
- 2. Public Works:** Member Kelsey reported of a street light in need of repair, in front of the Village Office. Member Flower reported on the delivery of the new tractor. Resident Rambadt reported on the damaged sidewalks and conversations he had with the school. Both families of the responsible students agreed to pay for repairs.
- 3. Streets:** No report.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the tower inspection happened today. Also that Shine Auto Wash was issued a letter for shut off and given until the end of the month to pay. They owe approximately \$3000.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Rambadt and Member Kelsey reported that plans are in place for the Christmas parade. Member Doezema will take care of the advertising.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the recent Board of Commissioners Meeting of October 23 and reported the death of Bob Wakeman.

**Old Business:**

1. Election – Member Doezema suggested Council members who were recently re-elected take the oath of office at the conclusion of the meeting.
2. Council Compensation – the Finance Committee recommended that the salary for the Clerk, Member Doezema, be increased by \$150/month to bring her pay in line with the scope of duties and amount of hours worked. Total salary will be \$400/month effective December 2014. Motion by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to accept the Finance Committee’s recommendation. Motion carried. Member Doezema abstained from the vote.
3. December meeting time – Member Doezema reminded the Council that the December meeting time is 8 p.m., in keeping with the Charter requirements.

**New Business:**

1. Marshall Plastic – President Brinkhuis reported on a meeting held earlier with John Roggow of Marshall Plastic. Roggow told of his plans to tear down the old warehouse, build a new office building, and increase the height of his warehouse. He wants to look into a tax abatement and also to purchase the property between his property and East Allegan Street, which is owned by the Village. The Council will research questions asked and work with Roggow on this.
2. At 8:18 p.m., motion by Member Flower and supported by Member Kelsey to move to a closed session to discuss personnel issue. Motion carried. The Council returned to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: No deaths to report.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darcy Doezema, Clerk