

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2016**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on November 14, 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, Hunt and Deputy Clerk Merrill. Absent: Flower

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Rambadt and County Commissioner Don Black (7:20 arrival time). President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Hunt and supported by Member Wykstra 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. Invitation to Thanksgiving lunch at school

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and most of the taxes have come in. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for October 2016 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
3. **Election Results & Banking Resolution:** In the recent election, Gary Brinkhuis was reelected as President, Darcy Doezema, reelected as Clerk, and Alice Kelsey was elected as Treasurer. Two Trustee positions remain empty. Member Doezema discussed the need for a resolution to authorized Alice Kelsey all banking access previously given to

Anita Rambadt. Motion by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Doezema to adopt Resolution 2016-11-5, authorizing Alice Kelsey to conduct transactions United Bank, PNC and all financial institutions where the Village maintains accounts, sign checks, and do all business with those financial institutions necessary for the Village of Martin to continue to serve the residents of the Village, effective December 1, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Wykstra, Hunt, Doezema. Nays – None. Abstain – Kelsey. Absent – Flower. Resolution declared adopted.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Hunt will get an estimate on the proposed fence around the drainage ditch. President Brinkhuis will get an estimate on expanding the ditch. Both are requested prior to the February meeting when the initial budget is approved.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that there are problems with the leaf vac hose. It is mostly held together with tape. He discussed the proposed annual service contract with Cummins Bridgeway, which is due in February. He is unhappy with some of the work done and will get other estimates.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that leaf pick up is going well.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Doezema reported that she and Member Flower are reviewing the Sewer Use Ordinance and will have their final recommendations in December.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Members Rambadt and Kelsey reported that the parade and all activities for December 2 are on track. Discussion on the trees being donated by Badger Tree Farm and the potential removal of the tree at school.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black handed out synopsis of the Board of Commissioners meetings for October 13, October 27, and November 10, highlighting his “no” vote regarding repairs to Little John Park and that the budget was passed. The budget item led to a discussion on why approval wasn’t made for some fire department accessories. Commissioner Black stated that all fire chiefs had ample opportunities to attend meetings and make the case for the expenditure.

Old Business: Disposition of Trucks – Both trucks were sold (for \$2000 and \$1700).

New Business:

1. Trustee Vacancies – Two trustee positions are vacant and there are two people interested in filling the jobs, Dave Hunt and Don Rambadt. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to appoint Dave Hunt and Don Rambadt to fill the vacant trustee positions, effective December 1, after they take the oath office. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Hunt, Doezema. Nays – None. Absent – Flower. Motion carried.
2. December Meeting Time – As per the Village Charter, the first month after municipal elections, the Council will meet at 8:00 p.m. vice 7:00 p.m.
3. Anita’s Last Meeting as Treasurer – The Council wished Anita well on retirement and reflected on her time with the Council.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Alvin Peden, Marianne Moresco, Leroy “Babe” Young, Ruth Doezema

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk