

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2014**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on October 13, 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, Wykstra, 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 September 8, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:15 arrival), Natalie Van Houten 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 library business, highlighting the November 7 & 8 book sale, for which they need everyone's extra books.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Trail of Trunks information
3. Allegan Conservation District Tour invitation
4. Allegan Co. Leadership Conference invitation
5. Teen Serve information

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt reported that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the report for September 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** Deputy Clerk Merrill reviewed the bills, highlighting the Arnsman bill, which is being questioned, and the Steensma bill, which we will not pay until the equipment is received. Member Flower discussed the bill for Clean Earth, which was less than anticipated. He also discussed the results of the work to televise the sewer lines.

Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

- 3. Budget Update:** Member Doezema distributed and explained a 6 month budget update spreadsheet.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** No report.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that the sidewalk work is moving slow due to weather and scheduling issues. He will handle all this differently next time. Also, the new mower will be delivered in a few weeks.
- 3. Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that one recently cleaned storm drain is still not right. We will probably need to address this in the spring. As well, some leach basins and drains need attention next year.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that there is a new water connection going in at Hidden Ponds. The tower inspection is scheduled for the end of the month and will cost about \$2600. Shine Auto is behind again on their utility bill. Member Doezema expressed concern that Mr. Harness is not responding to her emails or invoice for the sewer connection. President Brinkhuis will contact him.
- 5. Finance:** Member Doezema distributed the audit report. She did not distribute individual copies of the Management Discussion but told the Council Members she will get them a copy upon request.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that she has been in contact with Mike Conner concerning the trees in the Memorial Park which we need to replace. He quoted them at \$175 each. Motion by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Flower to accept the quote from Conner for replacement of the two trees. Motion carried. Member Kelsey further reported that planning is underway for the Christmas parade and festivities.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** President Brinkhuis reported on the committee meeting, where the results of the strategic planning session were reviewed. Of the outstanding items on the list, Member Rambadt discussed the need to acquire land and Member Doezema discussed the available liquor licenses. Member Doezema discussed the application for the MI Mainstreet Program and presented Resolution 2014-10-5. The proposed resolution was discussed. Motion by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to adopt Resolution 2014-10-5. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema. Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution declared adopted. Member Doezema asked the council if we should charge an application fee to Van Elderen

when they apply for tax abatement. The council agreed that it shouldn't be necessary as the cost won't be much and they will reimburse us. The discussion then went to whether they will need a well for a sprinkler system for the new building. If possible we could share the cost of a well, as the Village needs another one. Commissioner Black suggested setting up an escrow account.

9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the recent Board of Commissioners Meetings of September 11 and 25, and Oct. 9, highlighting a cat problem with Animal Control, a new Livestock Claim Policy, and the Human Resources Fitness Center/Waiver Proposal. In addition, he told of the need for board members for the Area Agency on Aging and the DHS/Medical Care Board.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Upcoming election and meeting time: Member Doezema reminded everyone of the November 4 election and that our December meeting time will be 8 p.m.
2. Council compensation: Member Doezema reminded the Council that this is the only time in a term that compensation can be changed. The Finance Committee will meet to discuss.
3. Lions' Club: Member Flower informed the group that the sight mobile will be parked next to the paper shed so they can do some work on it.
4. Website: Member Rambadt recently saw Fred Bogdan, who maintains our website. She said he puts a lot of time into the website and we should send him a gift card. The Council recommended a \$100 Visa card. Motion by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to send him the card. Motion carried.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Mary Jo Pillars & Sharon Warner.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Doezema, Clerk