

**Village of Martin  
Regular Meeting  
October 12, 2015**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on October 12, 2015 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, Flower, Hunt and Deputy Clerk Merrill. Absent: Wykstra

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2015, public hearing of September 18, 2015, and the special meeting of September 18, 2015, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner, Rose Haaksma, Marlene Leep, Bob Bowden, 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 news, specifically the upcoming book sale, raffle tickets, and an upcoming neighborhood watch meeting. Marlene distributed a brochure created by the Friends of the Library, outlining important contact information for new residents. Bob Bowden presented drawings and discussed plans for a garage he wants to have built. The building is larger than our ordinance allows, according to discussions with PCI. PCI recommended he ask for a variance, which he did. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Kelsey, to approve the variance, pending confirmation of PCI approval of most recent drawing. Motion carried. Member Doezema will follow up with PCI.

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Hunt and supported by Member Flower to approve the agenda with additions of Arnsmann (ditch cleanout and ice rink work), Lion's Club trailer, and business cards. Motion carried.

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Certified Operator Training – Decision tabled until Member Flower speaks with DPW.

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. She highlighted that the new tax program was installed and most tax payments have been received. Motion made by Member

Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the report for September 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

### **Department Updates/Reports:**

- 1. Public Safety:** No report.
- 2. Public Works:** Discussion on DPW and that Tim will be off of work until November 9. He will be reminded that he cannot do any work until he is completely released by the doctor.
- 3. Streets:** No report.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the recent SAW Grant meeting. Things are moving forward and it should be about a year until Wightman and Associates can have the system mapped out and all information loaded into the new software program. After initial paperwork is signed and submitted, the Village can look at a few items to get reimbursed.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey mentioned that there will soon be meetings for the Christmas parade and activities afterward.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided his synopsis of the Oct. 1 Board of Commissioners meeting, highlighting the budget being passed. He also discussed the meeting to meet the candidates.

### **Old Business:**

1. None

### **New Business:**

1. Arnsman – President Brinkhuis provided an estimate to clean out and widen the drainage ditch, for \$5800, and an estimate to clean out the pond by Tuinstra's, for \$6360. Discussion of the need to do these projects and to compare to an estimate by Van Laan's. The Arnsman estimate comes to \$12,160 while the Van Laan estimate is \$12,400.

Further discussion on Arnsman removing old concrete dumped by the Village onto Brinkhuis property. Tabled until Spring. Another estimate by Arnsman for \$200 to remove some sod and level the area for the ice rink. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Kelsey, to have Arnsman do the work on both the drainage ditch and the pond, as well as the work on the ice rink area. Motion carried. Discussion on whether we need a fence around the ditch. Member Hunt will research what we need, or is required, and will get bids.

2. Lion's Trailer – Discussion on where to move the Lion's Club Trailer when the ice rink is active.
3. Business cards – Member Flower reported that we can get 250 business cards for \$25 from the Shopper's Guide. He recommended that both he and President Brinkhuis get cards made, as there will be many opportunities to use them during the upcoming SAW Grant meetings. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Doezema to purchase the cards. Motion carried. At this time, no other Council members expressed an interest or need in getting cards.
4. Parking – An additional item was brought up, regarding parking for United Methodist Church events, such as funerals or weddings. One resident has complained about being blocked in their driveway. This item needs to be worked out between the church and it's neighbors.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Esther Anderson, Jean Zwiers, Viola Rasnake, John Lynema, and Ronald Pardee.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk