

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2016**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on October 10, 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.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: 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.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt 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. Consumers Energy notice on Smart Meters

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. In September we took in over \$48,000 in taxes and there are 14 still delinquent, which we hope will be down to 8 soon. As well, our income from our Money Market accounts was \$261.66. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for September 2016 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:** Member Hunt spoke with Mike Friend of Consumer's Energy again about a fence around our ditch on the right of way. He does not think it will be a problem but we need to put the fence around the tower as well. Discussion about the VanZile property and whether we need a survey before we do the fence in the spring. We need estimates before we approve the next budget.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra discussed the new truck. The salter will fit on it. It needs lights. He presented an estimate from C-Comm for 2 lights, for \$735. He thinks we need 2 more lights, which can be added for another \$100. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Flower, to approve expenditure of up to \$1000 to put the lights on and to paint the tailgate. Motion carried. Member Wykstra reminded everyone that there will be no tobacco use in the new truck.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra want to try to move up the resurfacing of East & West Allegan to an earlier date.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that Wood Choi met with Eichler and Neeson and gave us the new requirements if we have a positive bacteria test. Member Flower discussed the complaint from the Clark station about using them to run our water tests. Wood Choi agreed that we can run the test from the Village office. During hydrant flushing it was discovered that one hydrant has a crack. It needs to be fixed.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Rambadt reported that meetings will occur soon for the Christmas parade. We still need a new Santa Claus.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black handed out the synopsis of the Sept. 8 and Sept. 22 meetings, highlighting that there will be discussions with the drain commissioner about notifying people when there are abnormal drain costs. As well, Commissioner Black asked for any feedback regarding the mental illness issue. The next evening meeting is Oct. 13.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Disposition of Trucks – Discussion on whether to advertise them for sale. We will wait until we can determine what they are worth.

- b. Christmas Decorations – Discussion on whether to use a company to provide our decorations. For slightly more than it cost to have our DPW put them up and take them down, we can have someone else do it and have new decorations every year. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Hunt, to spend up to \$600 a year from the Boysen Fund for this service. The decorations will be a nice improvement to the downtown area, which qualifies it for the Boysen Fund.

- c. Compensation – A meeting between President Brinkhuis, Treasurer Rambadt, Deputy Clerk Merrill and Clerk Doezema was held to discuss compensation for the new Treasurer after the election and for the Clerk. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Wykstra, to pay the new Treasurer a monthly salary of \$400 plus \$50 for travel to the bank, to give the Clerk a \$50/month raise, effective in December, and to pay outgoing Treasurer Rambadt \$15/hour to train and support the new Treasurer. Motion carried.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Carl Levett, Grace Scarberry, Edward Guider, James Lapham, Lewis Kelsey, Russ Wykstra, Bill Earle

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk