

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2014**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on September 8, 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 and Deputy Clerk Merrill. Absent: Hunt.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:15 arrival) 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. Member Doezema reported on the information sent by Natalie Van Houten.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. President Brinkhuis added an item to New Business – Ann Wells. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Thank you card from the McLaughlin (Boysen) Family
3. Letter from Ken Bleeker
4. Vo-tech invitation
5. Law seminar invitation

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 Wykstra to approve the report for August 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Many bills were paid prior to the meeting, to ensure payment by due date. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Discussion on traffic leaving school at the end of the school day. Things can get pretty wild. Council members will keep an eye on it and inform the police if necessary.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that sidewalks are still scheduled to be done and reported the dates for leaf pick up and the end of brush pickup. Member Doezema will put the information into a newsletter.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra had no report.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the recent joint sewer meeting, where the City of Plainwell discussed a quote for the new bioxide system. Hydrants will be flushed October 10 & 11. There needs to be a meeting with Tom Rook for the water system and how best to maintain it. Member Flower is still checking on water tower inspection guidelines.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on how well the ice cream social went and that all goals were met. There were many great comments from those who attended.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report but there will be a committee meeting before the next Council meeting.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the recent Board of Commissioners Meetings of August 14 & 28, highlighting a proposed bike trail.

Old Business: None

New Business: There was a noise complaint by Ann Wells, stemming from the activity next door to her. The Council discussed it and unless the offenders are on her property or making noise after hours, there is nothing we can do about it.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Roland Earle, Lois Grinage Roberts, Furne Zeinstra, and Thomas Tungate.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Doezema, Clerk