

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 14, 2015**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on September 14, 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, Wykstra, Flower, Hunt and Deputy Clerk Merrill.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:10 p.m. arrival time), Allison Halstedt, Tonya Griffis, Kirk Scharphorn Jr., Ken Bleeker, Jim Milanowski, 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.

Allison Halstedt outlined plans for a 5K run on Oct. 10 to benefit Curt Hall who is paralyzed due to a recent accident. She discussed the route, which will be north on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Member Wykstra and the fire department are involved and have agreed to close the road for the run.

Jim Milanowski discussed revisions to the site plan for the Dollar General development. His firm has taken over the development of this property. Jim determined that there is no longer a need to purchase the additional 40' x 176' section of parking lot and will put in a different drainage system than was originally proposed. As such, he asked the Council if they are agreeable to changing the agreement so as to not include that section, thereby leaving the water tower parking lot intact. A discussion followed as to a change in purchase price, from \$100,000 down to \$70,000 due to the increased cost of the proposed storm sewer drainage system. After more discussion on the type of system needed, Mr. Milanowski agreed that he could install an underground perforated pipe which would tie into our existing storm sewer drainage system, which would lower his costs. Further discussion on the price, with input from Ken Bleeker on the original discussions, brought both sides to an agreed upon amount of \$80,000. The Council and Mr. Milanowski then discussed the site plan and the Council desire to not have the building located right along 10<sup>th</sup> Street but would prefer it to set back further on the property. Mr. Milanowski will make every attempt to relocate the store to a more desirable location and will provide an updated site plan when appropriate. Kirk Scharphorn Jr. stood by to answer questions regarding zoning and ordinances. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Wykstra, to agree to the reduction in price to \$80,000, to omit the 40' x 176' section from the sale, and to approve the proposed perforated pipe drainage system with approval of a final site plan when completed. Motion carried.

Tonya Griffis discussed plans to have a Christmas light contest in the Village and adjoining area. She explained the contest and discussed various aspects of it. Member Doezema asked her if she is willing to be in charge of the contest, to which she answered “yes”. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Wykstra, to provide support from the Village for advertising and prizes for the Christmas Light Contest from the Community Promotion fund. Motion carried. Member Doezema will assist Tonya with the contest. Kirk Scharphorn Jr. offered to donate and told Tonya to contact him.

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the agenda with additions to Old Business: webpage and ice rink. Motion carried.

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. Region 8 Notes

**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 Flower to approve the report for August 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 Rambadt to pay the bills, with additions of Charter \$148.68 (General Fund) and Elhorn Engineering \$267.00 (Water Fund), and Newhof Construction \$5900 (Building Fund), and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

**Department Updates/Reports:**

1. **Public Safety:** No report.
2. **Public Works:** Member Wykstra reported that we received the new leaf vac. He got a quote from R&D for \$1650 to remove 23 stumps and 2 trees from the well house area. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Doezema, to accept the quote from R&D and pay it from the Infrastructure fund. Motion carried. Member Doezema reported that we are expecting another quote for siding the small garage and suggested we hold a Special Meeting on Friday right after the Public Hearing.
3. **Streets:** Member Wykstra reported that we need to get additional quotes on getting the ditches taken care of. Suggestions were to contact Matt Double, Steve Drewyor and Cripps Fontaine. Arnsman Septic was contacted but has not yet provided a quote.

4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that we got a quote for the new impellers and it is the same price we paid last time. We budgeted for this expense. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Doezema, to order and install the new impellers. Motion carried. Member Flower received an email from Brenner excavating, attempting to break down the charges for the work done during the Plainwell road construction. Discussion on which charges should be ours and which should be Plainwell. Member Flower will convey the information to Brenner, and ask for proof of restocking the pipe we ordered. Member Doezema discussed the Notice of Violation expected from Plainwell this week. As told to her by Erik Wilson, the overall number is very high but Plainwell is agreeable to discussing some reductions in the amount due and also payment by way of a consent agreement.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report. President Brinkhuis suggested we have a meeting some time soon. Also a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the implications of new laws removing the personal property tax currently paid by some businesses.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black handed out synopsis of his meetings on August 13, 27 and September 10. He pointed out that an evening meeting is planned for October 1 at 7 p.m. He also noted that his 50 year wedding anniversary is upcoming and he plans to be out of the area to celebrate.

**Old Business:**

1. Lot 169 Deed – Due to the vote regarding this piece of property as not being part of the Dollar General deal, this property no longer needs to be deeded back to the Village. We have, however, a resolution from Allegan County allowing that to happen.
2. Webpage – Member Flower suggested that we post some information for new residents on our webpage. Member Doezema informed that the Friends of the Library are putting together some information and we will probably use that and post it.
3. Ice Rink – Member Flower asked if there has been any progress on leveling the lot for the ice rink. There has not. President Brinkhuis will contact Arnsman again.

**New Business:** None

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Terry Sturgis, Darrin Suk, Deborah Hannapel, and Paul Vandenberg.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk