

**Village of Martin  
Regular Meeting  
February 10, 2014**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on February 10, 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, Hunt and Deputy Clerk Merrill. Member Wykstra was absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2014, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:30 arrival), Ken Bleeker, Rick Martin and Don Rambadt. President Brinkhuis asked the visitor to state his purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Rick Martin discussed his concerns and questions regarding the changes to the Mounted Division. Ken Bleeker deferred until later in the agenda.

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

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter.
2. "Understanding Fracking" educational series offered by the Ottawa County Planning Commission
3. Martin Township 2013 Update to the Master Plan
4. Scott Corbin email announcing Skywarn training

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rambadt gave her report, reporting that all bills have been paid and we have reconciled with bank. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the report for January 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. Some bills were paid prior to the meeting, to ensure payment by due date. Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Flower to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

3. **Transfers per 2013-14 budget:** Member Doezema submitted the following transfers for 2013-2014: From General Fund – to Vehicle Fund - \$8500.00 and to Building Fund - \$100.00. From Infrastructure – to Major Street Fund - \$63,000.00 and to Local Street Fund - \$5000. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Kelsey to approve these transfers, per the 2013-2014 budget.
4. **Approval of proposed 2014-2015 budget:** Member Doezema presented the proposed budget for 2014-2015. Changes from the budget workshop were discussed, specifically transferring money from the General Fund, Major Street Fund, and Local Street fund into the Equipment Fund, and changing related appropriations. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the proposed budget. Motion carried.
5. **Signature on bank accounts:** Discussion on whether to add Member Doezema as an authorized check signer at PNC Bank. Recommendation made by Deputy Clerk Merrill to call Yeo and Yeo to discuss the accountability implications.

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

1. **Public Safety:** Discussion on email received from the Mounted Division. Changes have been made and the group is being disbanded or reorganized but it is unclear whether the Village can get some kind of equivalent coverage. Rick Martin raised the following questions and concerns – (1) Does the County carry liability for police dogs? What kind of liability is there for parades or other functions? (2) Does the County realize the training that happens for the reserve officers as well as the horses? (3) What are the plans for B93? (4) Why are these changes happening? President Brinkhuis suggested Don Black to look into the issue.
2. **Public Works:** No report.
3. **Streets:** Member Flower reported that we are on track for the Main Street resurfacing. He also gave an update that the traffic signal plug-in for a generator is on track. Also, the yearly maintenance for the traffic signal will cost approximately \$100/year. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Kelsey to accept the yearly maintenance contract with City of Wyoming. Motion carried.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the sewer/water bills were mostly estimated due to the snow and inclement weather. It is possible they will need to be estimated again next time. Member Flower discussed reports from Peerless Midwest regarding annual pump inspection.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey had no report but reminded the Council about the new jail tour being offered February 20 from 4 – 7 p.m. and wondered if anyone was interested in going.
8. **Five Year Planning:** Discussion on the Boysen building and the ongoing efforts of the Bleeker committee. The Council expressed its desire to wait to vote on taking ownership

until after the February 25 millage vote and after more financial commitments are made. Ken Bleeker reported on fund raising to date and the requirement by some donors that if the entire project move forward as hoped, that the Village will market the land for sale immediately after demolition is complete, give back donations if sold for a profit, and provide some kind of donor recognition with personal thank-yous. Mr. Bleeker also asked the Council to put our intentions in writing by way of a letter to the Superintendent. Discussion on the need to do actual testing for asbestos. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Kelsey to authorize Rick Martin to facilitate the testing, which will be paid for by the Village. Motion carried. Additional comments were made about checking into Brownfield Grants and to check with Michigan Municipal League to see what insurance would cost on the site.

- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black provided a synopsis of the January 23 County Commissioner meeting, highlighting the hiring of new staff for the jail. Don Black has made inquiries into the disbandment of the Mounted Division but has yet to get responses. He listened to Rick Martin's list of concerns and will get back to him and the Council.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Christmas/Appreciation Dinner – The Council discussed possible dates for the dinner and the unanimous consensus was to have it Friday, March 21. Members Rambadt, Flower, and Doezema will decide on location and time.

#### **New Business:**

1. March meeting date change - After discussion, the Council came to unanimous consensus to hold the March meeting on Thursday, March 13. Member Doezema will post the new day/time as is policy, and will have it posted on the website.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Egbert “Bert” Schipper and Bernard Harper.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darcy Doezema, Clerk