

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 15, 2018**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on November 15, 2018 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, Hunt, Wykstra, Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Absent: Flower

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Phil Doorlag, Wightman, Jason and Denise Dykstra, residents. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Phil discussed the SAW grant lift station construction. Start up is scheduled for November 20, if Consumers has the new electric service completed by then. He told that they will need a lot of water for the start up and a backflow preventer. Questions about the parking lot, which Phil assured will be done as soon as possible, even if it waits until spring. Phil will contact Plainwell about the increased water coming their way when we start up the new lift station. He also discussed that we will be assessing Harris at least 30 days of liquidated damages at \$500/day; however, Harris has submitted an invoice for some additional charges which Phil is validating. Phil also discussed the proposal to borrow money from the USDA for the other lift stations but cautioned that the work would not likely take place until early 2020. He will have the information to us by our January meeting. Jason Dykstra was sworn in as the newest Trustee, with his term starting in December 2018.

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

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Thank you from Joyce Merrill and family

## **Financial Items:**

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She also discussed the need to bump up one of the credit cards to a maximum of \$5000. All agreed it makes the most sense to put that limit on Flower's card. She also has started researching converting some Village funds to CD, which are getting better rates right now. She will have more info at the next meeting. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for October 2018 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Budget Review:** Member Doezema reported that the budget looks pretty good and she will present a few more amendments later in the meeting.
- 3. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Hunt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

## **Department Updates/Reports:**

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Wykstra passed on a "thank you" from the fire department for the new lights. He said they work great. He further reported that Richland Fence is almost ready to start fencing the ditch. DPW Tim Eichler suggested raising the fence a bit to facilitate weed and grass trimming. That will be done. He also suggested a limestone barrier which was rejected.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Doezema reported on the invoice for work from Rob Porter and all agreed to pay it at a rate of \$10/hour.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt provided a quote from Clean Earth to clean the storm basin over 2 days, for \$4000 (South & East, Templeton, and University). Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Wykstra, to accept the Clean Earth quote. Motion carried.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Discussion on the water line in front of the Brinkhuis property and how best to protect it from cars or snowmobiles. Suggestion that we contact Luke Keyzer for ideas or just put in 2 inch pvc pipe with concrete. Member Doezema presented the annual Cummins contract to do maintenance on the generators. We will renew the contract and add the new generator next year.
- 5. Finance:** The following amendments to the budget were presented by Member Doezema:

GL 202-463-775.001 (Drains) from \$29,000 to \$35,000

GL 661-000-910 (Insurance) from \$2100 - \$2216

GL 661-000-935 (Equipment Maintenance) from \$5000 to \$7000

GL 661-000-775 (Routine Maintenance) from \$2000 to \$3500

Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Hunt, to amend the budget as presented. Motion carried.

**6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

**7. Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the upcoming Christmas Parade and that all details are being taken care of.

**8. Five Year Planning:** No report.

**9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black did not attend but dropped of information.

**Old Business:** President Brinkhuis thanked Member Wykstra for his service on the Council.

**New Business:** Member Doezema reminded all that the December meeting start time is 8 p.m.

**Last thoughts:** President Brinkhuis will call Michigan Paving about some cracks in the new asphalt (reported by Member Rambadt) and Member Doezema will send violation letters to two residents after complaints of chickens running loose.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: None

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk