

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2019**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on November 11, 2019 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, Dykstra, Flower.
Absent: Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Dyksta to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Rick Cain, County Commissioner. 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 Hunt 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. MML annual elected officials training. Discussion on whether to offer this training to the council and the deputy. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Flower, to allow any council members and deputy to attend, at the Village expense. Motion carried. Member Doezema will make the reservations.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She explained recent movement of money from the checking account to the savings account, to keep the balance below the federal insurance maximum. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for October 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Member Doezema, highlighting the recent computer issues and the bill from Merlex. Discussion as to the need to find a different IT support company. Member Flower will look into it. Motion made by Member Hunt

and supported by Member Flower to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills.
Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** No report.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt provided an update on leaves and the work done by the Allegan County DEBTs crew. Member Doezema discussed the need for a new fleet fuel card because Pacific Pride is moving out of town. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to apply for a fleet fuel card from Marathon. Motion carried. Member Kelsey will complete the application with input from Member Hunt on vehicle and user information.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt reported that the salter is on the truck as there was a need to salt the streets due to the early snow.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on a conference call held with EGLE regarding PFAS at Transcendia. He read from the letters that EGLE is sending to possible affected residents. The letter clearly states that the Village water supply is safe and tested negative for PFAS in the spring. The letters and the testing only apply to individuals still using wells in the proximity of Transcendia.
- 5. Finance:** Member Doezema reported that the budget looks on track for the year.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** Member Doezema presented two policies for the second reading. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Doezema, to accept and adopt the holiday pay policy as written. Motion carried. Member Doezema discussed an modification to the council compensation policy, stating that “in the case of the Clerk and Treasurer, where a deputy performs some of the regular duties of that office, the hours of any additional work will be offset by regular duties performed by the deputy”. To clarify, compensation for additional work will be adjusted based on work performed by a deputy. Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Hunt, to accept and adopt the council compensation policy as modified. Motion carried. Member Doezema will create a form to be used when requesting compensation.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the progress for the parade and after-party. Everything is in place for December 6.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain discussed the Medical Care Facility in Allegan County, which is in financial trouble. The commission is exploring ways to help fund this very needed facility, including a possible millage.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: John Buskirk, Roger Cooper, Gordon Bourdo

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk