

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 16, 2019**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on September 16, 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, Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Absent: None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Hunt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12 and special meeting of August 31, 2019 as presented/with corrections. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: None

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

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Taxes have been coming in well. Member Rambadt questioned some calculations of the savings and CDs. Treasurer Kelsey will double check the figures and report back. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the report for August 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Two corrections were made, deleting an amount to pay to the County and to move the Allegan Co. News bill from General Fund to Sewer Fund. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

## Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Rambadt discussed concerns of residents regarding speeding, wrong way traffic on Edwards, and cutting through the elementary parking lot. He addressed the issue with Coach Blauvelt who handled it with his football players. Member Rambadt reported that AC Sheriff V. Evers has been parking in the UMC parking lot and that has slowed much of the traffic. Member Rambadt thanked her for her presence in the Village. He then provided more preliminary information on speed signs, but no pricing yet. He also reported that the speed limit sign is missing that was by Little Gem trailer park. The Council discussed the merits of whether to switch the traffic light to flashing red all the time, in order to cut down on confusion and perhaps slow people down. Member Doezema recommended that we check with authorities to see if we can even do it, and if they have data about the effect on traffic and speed. Budget for Public Safety is \$5000 for the year, little of which has been allocated.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt presented a number of items needed for DPW. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to purchase front tires for the tractor, not to exceed \$700. Motion carried. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Rambadt, to purchase additional cutting blades for the Ford truck, up to \$1200. Motion carried. Member Hunt reported that the Dodge 1 ton has the check engine light on. At this time we will wait and see what happens with it.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt reported that the Chalmers/Lee manhole needs to be repaired. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Dykstra, to fix the manhole up to \$2500, by the same company that did the others on W. Allegan Street. Motion carried. Member Hunt discussed the desire for bump covers for some of the yellow posts. President Brinkhuis will get prices and report back.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported the status of the USDA loan, which is nearly ready to submit. He discussed the quote by Scott Keyzer for \$5380 for the wellhouse roof. Member Dykstra asked to find out how many square it is. Flower will find out. Other quotes are coming. Member Flower reported that we are researching new water meters. Also Lead and Copper testing is happening this week. Member Doezema presented the annual Cummins maintenance agreement, which expires in November. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Doezema, to accept the agreement of \$1006.49. Motion carried. President Brinkhuis suggested that we talk to Perceptive and get a quote for them to operate our water system. President Brinkhuis discussed that he will need to move his water line soon and would like Wightman to weigh in on the best way to do that. As well, we would need a quote on running the new connection under the road.

5. **Finance:** Five Year Budget Review – Member Doezema provided the 5 year budget review and made it available for Council review.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain not present.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Member Doezema led a policy discussion. She believes that there are many tasks being undertaken by the Clerk that are outside of the official duties, as well as special projects that take a lot of time for the Clerk, Treasurer, and other Council members. She proposed that a policy addressing pay for extra work would be advisable, as currently there is no pay offered. Salaries are sufficient for the official duties. Member Doezema will draft a policy to present at the October meeting, asking for any input the Council has.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Joann Sebright, Larry Curry, Amy Misner, Russell Predum, Bill Fenner

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk