

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2020

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on September 14, 2020 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, Hunt, Dykstra, Flower. Absent: Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis. Virtual: Kelsey

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Rambadt and supported by Member Flower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Shawn Moulenbelt, Allegan County resident, discussed his committee to have Allegan County create a county-wide ORV ordinance. Discussion and questions regarding what all would be put into the ordinance and what the timeline is. Shawn said that it could take a while to get all the details right, and that after Allegan County creates an ordinance, it is possible that municipalities would then create their own, based on the county ordinance. A municipality could also opt out of the county-wide ordinance or make their own more strict. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-9-4 by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Hunt. Roll call: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey, Dykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema. Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution declared adopted.

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

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She reported that \$90,917 in taxes has been received and collections are going well. As a follow up to the August meeting, she researched CD interest rates at United Bank. At this time the rates are so low that we have no plans to open new CDs. As well, we cannot add to existing CDs. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the report for August 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. 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:** Report from Member Rambadt. Discussion on the placement of the speed sign on West Allegan. It is in a 35 mph zone but programmed to alert at over 25 mph. John Sharpe of Allegan County will come and reprogram the sign. At budget time, we will decide whether to purchase 2 additional signs for placement north and south.
- 2. Public Works:** Report from Member Hunt that all is going well with DPW. The truck is ready for leaf pickup starting later in October. Discussion on whether to contract with Rob Porter again, as determined by DPW, and what rate to give him. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Rambadt, to use Rob Porter as contract labor through the winter. Motion carried. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Rambadt, to increase his hourly rate to \$13/hour. Motion carried. On a side note, Member Hunt informed the council that DPW Keene's mother is very ill and he may need some time off. DPW Eichler has agreed to fill any gaps that occur.
- 3. Streets:** No report.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the quarterly joint sewer meeting was again cancelled due to social distancing. He also reported that there was a circuit that needed to be fixed and now the lights are once again working on the water tower. He asked to look into buying a drop box to have at the office, which the council agreed. Member Flower discussed a recent meeting with the water department personnel and Wade Keyzer. Dan Neeson is hoping to transition out of an active roll, but agrees to be kept on for projects or to fill in when necessary. He recommends that Luke Keyzer become the main water operator and that we hire Wade Keyzer as our other water operator, taking Dan's role. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Rambadt, to hire Wade Keyzer at \$25/hour, retroactive to August 1, 2020. Motion carried. Member Brinkhuis discussed the meeting, and the suggestion that we engage a more local individual to shut off water or other tasks that happen during the day if Wade or Luke are not readily available. Mike Smith was recommended. Luke will talk to Mike and see if he concurs. Member Flower will also start looking into replacement meters for the whole Village.

Member Flower and Member Doezema discussed the lift station and manhole project bids. They presented correspondence from both Wightman and the USDA, supporting the approval of SELGE Construction for the project. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Hunt, to award the construction contract for the lift station and manhole improvement project to Selge Construction Co, in the amount of \$341,420. Said award is subject to receipt of required bonds and insurance, concurrence of USDA Rural Development and the successful closing of the bond issue. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brinkhuis, Rambadt, Kelsey (virtual), Dykstra, Flower, Hunt, Doezema. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried. Member Doezema will communicate the results of the vote to Wightman.

5. Finance: At this time, the expenditures in two areas exceed the budgeted amount. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to amend the budget as follows: GL#202-463-775, amended from \$8000 to \$9000, and GL#203-463-775, amended from \$1500 to \$2000. Motion carried.

6. Ordinance and Policy: No report.

7. Civic Affairs: No report.

8. Five Year Planning: No report.

9. County Commissioner: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Marilyn Sipple, Timothy Wright

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk