

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2019

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on April 8, 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 Flower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Jon Schipper & Glenn Leep, Martin Township, Dan Bode, The Architectural Group, and Todd Staive, Exxel Engineering. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Bode presented the plans for the fire hall expansion. President Brinkhuis had reviewed the plans prior to the meeting and were available for the Council to review. The general contractor for the project is FCC. Bode explained that if the Council agrees with the preliminary plans, the next step is to bid out the various parts of the construction. He did discuss that parking appears to be sufficient and in accordance with our ordinance. Staive addressed water drainage questions. President Brinkhuis requested a meeting to be held on site with the engineers to look at the various options. At this time, the Council did not object to the preliminary site plans and will call PCI with our concurrence.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Grant offering by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority – Member Doezema discussed an idea for the grant submission for additional lighting in town. There were no objections to her submitting for the grant.

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She highlighted the money moved from checking to savings and the additional interest we received. She also explained the steps being taken thus far to adequately insure all the Village money as well as the CDs to be opened, which will earn even more interest. President Brinkhuis commented on what a great effort this has been by Treasurer Kelsey and Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for March 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis, highlighting the bills from Michigan Municipal League and the Peerless Midwest annual service. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Doezema to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Rambadt discussed the Decatur Speed Tracking System that the Village possesses, as a way to monitor speeds of vehicles. He and Member Flower will see if we have all the parts and can make it functional. He also discussed the need to have confined space training or to learn the requirements to enter a confined space. Until we know more, our DPW and any other Village officials should not enter confined spaces. Member Rambadt also gave a followup report from the previous month complaint by Tom McLaughlin. Member Rambadt observed the lawn and lack of draining over the course of 2 days. He took pictures and determined that the lack of draining appeared to be due to frozen ground, not excessive rain or inability for it to reach the drain system. He did note standing water in the catch basin.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt presented the contract to do the bathroom construction for \$12,000 from Hoyt Builders. Motion by Member Rambadt, supported by Member Hunt, to accept the estimate and do the construction. Motion carried. Discussion on sidewalk replacement. Member Doezema will mark the sidewalks before the end of the month.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt presented an estimate from PK Striping to do all the line painting in the Village, for \$7000. He discussed the difference between hot tape and cold tape and which was better. The Council will look for other estimates before deciding. Member Flower reported that Consumers is replacing old bulbs with LED bulbs, thereby making a brighter light at no cost to the Village. Lights are being replaced as they are needed.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that there is a meeting on Friday with the USDA and Wightman to discuss the loan application and whether we are grant eligible. Member Doezema discussed that if we did a one time increase for sewer rates it may qualify us for a grant. Plainwell will increase their rates by 3.5% this year, which would push Martin up

to approximately \$8.75 per 1000 gallons. This will be decided before July. Member Flower discussed the need to purchase 3 hydrant pressure relief valves. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Hunt, to purchase 3 valves for \$1500 each. Motion carried. President Brinkhuis discussed a recent facebook post by Shine Auto Wash, which was not flattering to the Village.

5. Finance: No report.

6. Ordinance and Policy: No report.

7. Civic Affairs: Member Kelsey discussed the upcoming Memorial Day parade. Discussion on potential grand marshal candidates. A decision will be made at the May meeting.

8. Five Year Planning: No report.

9. County Commissioner: County Commissioner Rick Cain did not attend.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Brian Augustine

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk