

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 13, 2017**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 13, 2017 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, Flower and Deputy Clerk Merrill. Absent: None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner (7:15 arrival). 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 and added “Garage Sales” on New Business. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Thank You from Fred Bogdan
3. Allegan County Food Pantry Collaborative – Discussion on whether to support as a drop off spot or to purchase cereal. Tabled until April.

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and we reconciled with the bank. She and Deputy Treasurer Rambadt attended the annual settlement meeting with Allegan County and all went well. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Hunt to approve the report for February 2017 as submitted. Motion carried. Discussion on keeping our credit card with PNC bank, who will allow us to do so. We need to cancel Anita’s card and get another one, for Alice.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Deputy Clerk Merrill. After discussion, it was determined that one bill for generator maintenance belongs in the Sewer Fund, rather

than the equipment fund. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

- 3. Budget Resolution and Approval of Final 2017-2018 Budget:** Member Doezema presented the final budget and Resolution 2017-3-6. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Hunt to approve the budget and adopt Resolution 2017-3-6. Roll call vote: Brinkhuis – yes, Rambadt – yes, Kelsey – yes, Wykstra – yes, Flower – yes, Hunt – yes, Doezema – yes. Absent – none. Nays – none. Motion carried and resolution adopted. The Sewer/Water budget was presented and discussed. Motion by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the Sewer/Water budget for 2017-2018. Motion carried.

### **Department Updates/Reports:**

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Wykstra got updated prices for the vests approved at the last meeting. The price is slightly higher than previously agreed upon. Motion by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Doezema to approve up to \$300 for the purchase of vests. Motion carried. Discussion on electronic speed limit signs and whether they are a deterrent to speeders. Member Hunt doesn't think they are worth the price and won't make a difference. Member Flower will continue to look into it.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Hunt discussed annual raises and vacations for DPW employees. Our full time employee has been with us for 15 years and currently gets 2 weeks paid vacation. The recommendation was to increase that to 3 weeks and cap it at that. Member Doezema will look into writing an updated policy for vacations. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to give DPW workers a 3% pay increase, starting April 1, and to increase the full time employee's vacation to 3 weeks per year. Motion carried. Member Hunt provided information on the cost of replacing flags (approximately \$500) and poles/hardware (approximately \$300). Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Wykstra, to spend up to \$1200 for new flags and hardware. Motion carried. Member Hunt asked the Council if they will allow the DPW crew to clean out the small shed by the water tower when they have time. No one opposed.
- 3. Streets:** Member Hunt presented estimates for the parking lot behind the water tower. Estimates for concrete were \$24,000 (4" thick, from A1) and \$34,000 (7" thick, from Van Laan). Estimate for asphalt was \$10,000 (A1) for just the back section and \$23,000 (A1) for the entire parking lot. Because of the pending work on the water tower, it was determined it would make more sense to wait until much later in the year, or next year to put it in the budget.

4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported on the Joint Sewer Meeting of March 1, which was very uneventful. Member Doezema presented the updated Sewer Use Ordinance, which has been vetted through Member Flower, Member Doezema, Ken Lane (Attorney) and George Davis (Attorney for Plainwell). Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Kelsey, to approve and adopt Ordinance #64, Sewer Use. Motion carried. Ordinance adopted.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black distributed a synopsis of his February 23 meeting, highlighting the possibility of a millage proposal for the police department. The next step will be to hold meetings for the public and municipalities to hear more about what is proposed. Commissioner Black congratulated Treasurer Alice Kelsey on her selection and appointment to the Commission on Aging.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

1. Council Appreciation Dinner – Discussion on where and when to hold it. It was agreed that we will go to Four Roses again and Member Doezema will coordinate a good date and other details.
2. Flower Pots – Discussion as to whether to have flower pots on the four corners again, knowing that we will need to purchase pots this year. Motion by Member Wykstra, supported by Member Hunt, to spend up to \$1500 (from the Boysen Fund) on this effort. Motion carried.
3. Garage Sales – Member Doezema asked whether it is okay to advertise community-wide garage sales again this year, probably earlier in the summer. No one opposed. She will handle the details.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Joshua Stephens, Albert Medendorp, Mary McLaughlin, Barbara Thompson

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk