

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2017

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on November 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.
Absent: Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner, Suzannah Deneau, Wightman & Associates, Mary Whiteford, State Representative, and Karen Ebright from the Pennassee Globe. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Rep. Whiteford provided a legislative update. Suzannah Deneau provided an update on the River to River trail project. She discussed the creation of a trail authority or whether municipalities want to go on their own. She also discussed whether we would support a county millage to help pay for it.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra 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. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Doezema to approve the report for October 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **United Bank Credit Card:** Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Rambadt, to open credit card accounts with United Bank for use by Don Flower, Alice Kelsey, and Tim Eichler, with a combined limit of \$5000.00. Motion carried.
3. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Wykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Wykstra had no report.
2. **Public Works:** Member Hunt discussed the Cummins Service Contract renewal. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezeema, to renew the contract. Motion carried.
3. **Streets:** Member Hunt reported that Clean Earth will be in town to clean the drains west and north, and Lee Street. Discussion on clean out of ditches at the Consumer's Right of Way and at Marshal Plastic. Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Rambadt, to clean out both ditches, using Arnsman to do the work. Other estimates received exceed the Arnsman estimate. Motion carried. Due to the late time of year, sidewalks and ditches will wait until next year. Member Hunt and Member Flower will attend the RTF meeting on November 21.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower reported that the water tower does not appear to be leaking or has only a few drops coming out so no work will be done on it this year. Don with contact Engineering America to cancel the contract. Member Doezeema and Member Flower provided an update on the recent NOV and the meeting with Plainwell.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey provided an update on the Light Contest and the Christmas Parade.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black discussed the meetings he held to answer questions for people interested in running for office. He handed out the synopsis of his meetings Oct. 12, Oct. 26 and Nov. 9, highlighting that the commission passed their budget and that Allegan County won 3rd place in a National Technological Award, the previously discussed millage for the sheriffs department is not going to happen but there are discussions on a Headlee Override to cover the costs instead, and that the Health Department is extremely understaffed and there are discussions on how to improve customer service and get more help.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Kenneth Elkins, Linda Medendorp, Patricia Vickery (Rambadt)

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezeema, Clerk