

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2017

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on September 12, 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 Brinkhuis. Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Flower and supported by Member Rambadt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Black, County Commissioner and Allegan County 57th District Court Judge William Baillargeon. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Judge Baillargeon distributed the annual report and spoke of the good work being done by the court. He discussed his satisfaction with recent survey results and highlighted a number of successful programs including sobriety court. He invited all to attend the next graduation for the Veteran drug program on October 6 at 3 p.m. at the Paw Paw Courthouse.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. MDOT Letter regarding grants for work on railroad crossings. Gave letter to Member Hunt to research.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and highlighted the purchase of the salter and a water assessment payoff. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Wykstra to approve the report for August 2017 as submitted. Motion carried. Treasurer Kelsey also reported that the remote deposit is great. Member Flower suggested we research getting a safe to hold cancelled checks until they are destroyed.

2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Wykstra and supported by Member Flower to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Some street lights are out. Member Hunt will investigate.
2. **Public Works:** Motion by Member Hunt, supported by Member Doezema, to spend \$1022.00 for tires for the tractor. Motion carried.
3. **Streets:** Member Hunt reported that we have not gotten any quotes yet from street resurfacers, but he will attempt to get them before budget time.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Flower discussed a bid from Esprey Electric of \$1120.00 for new lights around the pump station. President Brinkhuis will get another bid. Member Flower reported that the water tower work is going well. Also that there is a SAW Grant meeting scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. High strength waste test results will also be discussed.
5. **Finance:** Member Doezema reported that the 5 year budget review and 6 month mid-year update will happen at the October meeting.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that we still need a Santa Claus for the Christmas parade. Discussion on kids using our office handicap ramp with skateboards and how to prevent it. Member Doezema will contact MML for suggestions.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Don Black distributed the synopsis of his Aug. 10 and Aug. 24 meetings. He had nothing to highlight of August 10 but did make a correction on the August 24 notes, action item #1 should be 20% less than, rather than 20% over.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Member Flower suggested we purchase new castors for our office chairs that are more gently on the new floor. They are \$36/chair. Motion by Member Flower, supported by Member Doezema, to purchase 8 sets of castors. Motion carried.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Richard Gruber.

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

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk