

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2022

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on April 11, 2022 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, Doezema, Kelsey, Dykstra, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Bouwman. Absent: None Virtual: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21 and public hearing of March 21, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: April Taylor – resident, Austin Marsman – candidate for County Commissioner, Frank Baker – Allegan County Sheriff. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. April stated that she is a resident interested in the work of the Council. Sheriff Baker provided a template for a resolution allowing the Sheriff's department to operate within the Village, explaining that it is primarily a formality to support Public Act 416. The Council will review the resolution later in the meeting. Austin Marsman introduced himself as a candidate and discussed his vision for our area, as well as inviting the attendees to Mezzo Coffee on Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the agenda with as presented. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Correspondence from Progress for Michigan regarding the marijuana ordinance.
Member Doezema would like to call our attorney to discuss moving forward on this request. There were no objections.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She highlighted the activity on accounts since the last meeting, including the reason for some money transfers. She also explained why there is an additional drain charge, which is due to Allegan County. Motion made by Member Dykstra, supported by

Member Martin, to pay the additional \$295.60. Motion carried. Motion made by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to approve the reports for January and February as submitted. Motion carried.

2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
3. **ARPA Funds:** Member Doezema updated the council that the ARPA funds were applied to the water meter installation project and that we were able to also defer the funds that have not yet been received. She has to do the first reporting on this before the end of April.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** No report.
2. **Public Works & Streets:** Member Martin provided details on spring projects for 2022 and copies of the quotes he has received. Project 1 is to replenish our salt supply, Project 2 is patching the streets, Project 3 is scheduling sani sweep, Project 4 is street striping, and Project 5 is storm drain cleaning. Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Doezema, to authorize all 5 projects for up to \$2500 to City of Plainwell for salt, up to \$9500 to Asphalt Restoration for street repairs, up to \$900 to sani sweep for annual street cleaning and to commit to a 5 year contract, up to \$4660 to PK Striping for street striping, and up to \$4000 to Perceptive for storm drain cleaning. Motion carried. President Brinkhuis and Member Martin discussed a used loader that is available from the City of Otsego. They will research and put in a bid. Member Martin discussed proposed sidewalk changes to accommodate loading and unloading at the old pharmacy/new apartments, as well as moving the handicapped parking to the south end of the commercial buildings nearer to the post office. He will finalize those plans after he meets with PCI.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member J. Brinkhuis presented the sewer and water budgets, with corrected audit fees. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Dykstra, to accept and adopt the proposed budgets. Motion carried. Member J. Brinkhuis discussed progress on the meter installation and the need to send back 2 leaking meters. Etna will provide replacement meters in a few days. At this time only a few meter installations remain to be done and the pit meters are scheduled for warmer weather. Member Martin reported that the old pharmacy fire suppression line has been completed and he discussed the problems connecting the Seiser household to the water lead.
4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

6. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey has started Memorial Day planning. She asked the council to make suggestions for a Grand Marshal no later than the May meeting date.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain

Old Business:

1. ORV Ordinance – Member Bouwman reviewed the proposed ordinance and reported that he saw no problems with it. Council discussed whether to move forward with the ordinance, allowing ORVs on Village streets. Member Doezema will start the process for the Ordinance.
2. Double property – Member Kelsey reported that she researched it issue and determined that Double would need to execute and file a Quit Claim deed. The assessor said he could use his last tax bill and property value document to verify the value of the land.
3. Holley property – Member Kelsey reported that Holley would need to work with PCI to split the parcel in order to consider it for sale. Council discussed what they could do with the land and decided it would be advised to ask the price before discussing it further.

New Business: Police Resolution – The Council discussed the resolution. Resolution 2022-4-1, Requesting Traffic Enforcement Services, offered by Member Kelsey, supported by Member J. Brinkhuis. Roll call vote: Ayes: G. Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Bouwman, Dykstra, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Doezema. Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution adopted. Member J. Brinkhuis will provide a signed copy to Sheriff Frank Baker.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Shirley Reber.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Doezema to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk