

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 10, 2023**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on April 10, 2023 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 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

**Roll Call:** Members present: Brinkhuis, Taylor, Martin, Bouwman, Kelsey, Phone: Dykstra, J. Brinkhuis, Absent: None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Bouwman to approve the minutes of the Truth in Taxation public hearing of March 20, 2023 and the regular meeting of March 20, 2023 and, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Darcy Doezema – resident, President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Darcy stated she was here for observing.

**Approval of Agenda:** Clerk Taylor presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

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

1. Ship to Shore
2. Thank you from the Laurel Scalia family

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey reported on CDs we currently have that are not insured over \$250,000 and that our CDs are just over \$300,000 and the options to move the \$50,000 from the CD to CDARS or the High Yield savings. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to Rollover the \$100,000 CD to the CDARS we will be opening this month. Motion Carried. Treasurer Kelsey also reported that our CDARS matured the beginning of April and the Council needs to decide how to proceed with a new CDARS. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Taylor to open one new CDARS with the Matured CDARS balances and the \$100,000 CD for 1 year at 4.4% interest while keeping track of the separate accounts in BS&A software. Motion carried. Treasurer Kelsey also reported on the High Yield Saving account or ICS that we could get an interest rate of 1.5% if there is only one account. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Dykstra to have one ICS account at the bank and keep track of the separate accounts in BS&A. Motion carried. Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by

Member Martin and supported by Member Taylor to approve the reports for March as submitted. Motion carried.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Taylor. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

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

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Martin reported that the new Crosswalk will be delivered this week. Member Martin spoke with Owen Ramey about the trees over the Major Streets he gave us a quote on trimming the trees. Motion was made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey to hire Owen Ramey to trim the tree branches on the trees over the Major Streets/Allegan Street and Main Street not exceeding \$5,000. Motion Carried.
- 2. Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin brought to the council a few items we may need in the future: A larger generator for the garage that can run the entire building for around \$900. Also still looking for a Village pick up to go get parts or any other running that needs to be done by the council or DPW. He also brought the idea of getting and Power broom with brush attachments for street cleaning, he got a quote on a new one for \$11,000.  
Member Martin reported on sidewalks for West Allegan on the schedule to be worked on in the next few weeks, Michigan Gas as contracted Kent Power. The new street light for University and East Allegan is scheduled for installation for April 26, 2023. Street cleaning will be scheduled this month. Rubber seal will be scheduled this month. Cleaning of the storm drains will be scheduled the first of May, South and East will be cleaned this year. Modifications have been made to our tailgate on the one ton to allow us to put stone in our leach basins as needed. Stones will come from Jack Arnsman. We will look into painting our streets again, if needed. DPW Mike picked up the Football signs and will install them this week.
- 3. Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported we have offered to help the High School in cleaning the sewer systems from the concession stand to the bus garage to the grinder station to our lines. Perceptive will do this process this Thursday April 13, 2023. The Village will be billed and the High school will reimburse the Village. The new water meter was installed thanks to Luke and Wade. 30 Day shut off notices have been sent out. Dover Mobile Home Park has 3 fire hydrants that will be need to be flushed when the Village hydrants are flushed May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> , the water meter will be checked just before flushing and just after.
- 4. Finance:** No report.
- 5. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

6. **Civic Affairs:** Memorial Day Parade, Committee will meet to discuss details.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and reported on a meeting from March 23, 2023, along with informing us of the new Emergency Manager Sarah Clark. He also brought the Council information on Railroad Emergencies protocol.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

1. Martin Hometown Days- Committee asking for Village to sponsor Porta-potties again this year. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Dykstra to sponsor the Porta-potties for the 2023 Hometown Days. Motion Carried.
2. Street Commissioner's Wage Increase- From \$25,000 to \$35,000. Motion was made by Member Dykstra and supported by J. Brinkhuis to increase the Salary of the Street Commissioner's wage to \$35,000. Member Martin abstained, Motion carried.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Bonnie Ransbottom

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk