

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2023

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on August 14, 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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2023 and Special meeting of July 19, 2023 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Cody Visser, village resident and business owner of Planes Dumpsters. Mike Smith, village resident. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Cody Visser stated he was inquiring about putting the plane back up as a sign and a sign under the plane with business name on it. President Brinkhuis stated he will contact Lori at PCI to let her know the board Okayed the plane going back up with moving the post back away from the communication lines. The council also advised Cody to read the village charter on sign sizes and submit a proposed sign diagram to the council to approve. Mike Smith stated he was just observing.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. Library Newsletter
2. MML Fraud check-reimbursement check received
3. Budget Amendments
4. Dykstra-resignation

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the reports for July as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Martin reported that the streets were not painted this year due to the boring and not knowing what needed to be removed (sidewalk or asphalt). We have found some interesting situations under our village streets. We will be on board for next year to clean and refresh the paint on some of our streets. School will be starting soon we will have crossing guards out again, until the public realizes school is in session again for the year, Rose and Jeff are willing to assist again this year.
- 2. Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that he and President Brinkhuis have been looking for a broom sweeper and a grappling hook for our skid steer. Quotes of \$8950 for the broom sweeper and \$5825 for the grappling hook with \$300 shipping. Tabling until September meeting. The Leaf Vac was mounted on the Yellow Truck and it is ready for leaf pickup.
Member Martin also reported that he has been doing research on cleaning up the retainage ditch between Templeton and E. Allegan Street, he received a quote from Veteran Property Management for \$0.62/sq. ft where as other prices were \$1-2/sq. ft. The quote covers our drain which is 30'x270' (8100 sq. ft) plus he will spray the drain at the north end of town, the total for this clean up would be \$6,160.50. Motion was made by Member Taylor and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to hire Veteran Property Management to clean up the retainage ditch not to exceed \$6200. Motion carried. After the June storm we have found other trees that need to be removed for public safety. We have received a quote from Rameys Roots to remove 4 more trees. Motion was made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to have Rameys Roots remove the 4 trees and not to exceed \$8000. Motion carried. Member Martin was called to the Martin schools concerning a puddle of water in the elementary playground. We do not have any water lines or sewer lines in the area of the issue, but since there was a soft spot and concern for a sink hole Sam and Jasmine asked if we could assist with the issue. Perceptive came in and using the vac truck found a layer of clay that was not letting the water drain properly. Perceptive removed several feet of clay until they got to gravel and good drainage soil. Then filled the hole with stone and covered with wood chips that were still there. The village will receive a bill from Perceptive and the school will pay the bill. Storm drain pump with the recent heavy rains our pump did not keep up. So Member Martin called Perceptive and Mitchell Pump to fix the problem. Found out that the pump had been wired to run in reverse by mistake when the new control box was installed. The pump should now work as it should. Also it has been brought to the village that it is the drain issue that is causing the wet floor in the library and after investigating outside the library that the rain gutters system is dumping the roof's water on the ground with no place to go. Pictures and videos have been sent to the township office of the findings.

3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that the water meter at the high school has been replaced with a new meter as meter and reader would not sync. This problem has been resolved. Haas Brothers has given us the USB with the information of our laterals of North and South Main for future reference. Member Martin presented the Council with booklets on water saving. As we have had many complaints, so we are trying to look at the future customers of our water and sewer systems a little education and activities for the younger generation.
4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** Member Kelsey and Member Taylor are going to go over the Village Charter and bring back to the council in September.
6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and reported on meetings since our July meeting.

Old Business:

New Business: September meeting date changed to September 18, 2023

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: *Norman Snyder, Cheryl Tuinstra, Delores Vanderveen Alto, Nancy Koziolk-Guthrey, Marilyn Jane Woodworth, Connor Blanchard*

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk