

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
August 9, 2021

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on August 9, 2021 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, J. Brinkhuis, Bouwman.
Absent: None Virtual: Martin

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Rick Cain, County Commissioner. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Rick provided an update on the news from the County Commission, reporting that all meetings are now being held in person. He spoke about the American Rescue Plan funds and the discussions on how best to use it, possibly for broadband improvements and the courthouse project.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the agenda with additions to New Business of (1) September meeting date, (2) Water Tower Mural, (3) Copy Machines, and (4) Office Position. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Thank You from Wykstra family
3. Letter from Community Mental Health, asking that ARPA funds be used to assist in cost overruns for new facility

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She highlighted that tax money is coming in as expected and that she spoke with United Bank to clarify that when our CDs mature, they can not be rolled over at the current rate. Also, we stopped the subscription for the Kalamazoo Gazette. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for July 2021 as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Report by Member Dykstra that he is still arranging for the new solar speed signs. He also needs to talk to the new elementary school principal about the signs we purchased for them and make sure she is aware of the agreement to put them in the road on E. Allegan at the beginning of the school day and at the end of the school day, to facilitate students crossing the road.
- 2. Public Works:** Report by Member Martin. He pointed out the good work done by DPW Mike Keene on cleaning up the corner on Lee Street.
- 3. Streets:** Report by Member Martin on two projects that need to be done before the end of this year – the entrance to the AT&T building and the drain pan repair. He requested that we purchased cameras for the big truck, to ensure worker safety. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to approve the reimbursement or expenditure of up to \$300 for the camera. Motion carried.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Report by President Brinkhuis that the water tower work has begun and the company doing the work reported that the work on the outside of the tank should go better than expected. He also reported that we are still waiting on the new pumps, but we should get delivery in the next few weeks.
- 5. Finance:** Member Doezema reported that she completed the request for the ARPA funds.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** Member Doezema discussed letters sent to residents and businesses about their junk cars and lack of mowing and on-going sales in front yards. All should be resolved by the September meeting. Members Martin and Brinkhuis asked about rules or ordinances for signage in the Village. Member Doezema will research.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** No report.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain reported earlier in the meeting and left for another meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. September Meeting Date: Each year the September meeting falls on the date of the fair parade. Discussion by Members, agreeing to change the date to Tuesday, September 14. Member Doezema will post the new date.
2. Mural: Discussion on whether to pursue putting a mural on the water tower. Funds from the sale of the Boysen building could be used, as it is considered a Village improvement and not something we would use taxpayer funds for. The majority of the Council was in favor of looking at designs for the project, before approving funds.
3. Member Doezema reported that both of the large copy machines are now out of service. The smaller copy machines the Village has are adequate for the work we do. She is looking for suggestions on removal and recycling.
4. Member Martin discussed the role that Don Flower had in opening the office everyday, while doing utility billing work, and overseeing the day to day operation of the Village. There is a definite need to fill this roll and for the last 9 months, the duties have been split between Member Kelsey, Member Doezema, and Member J. Brinkhuis. At this time, Member J. Brinkhuis will increase her hours so the office will be manned Monday – Friday, from 9 – 11. Her daily hours will typically be 3 – 4 hours, encompassing the open office hours.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Ronald Pinkney, Al Brouard.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk