

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 8, 2022**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on August 8, 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 7:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: April Taylor – Resident. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. April is on the ballot for the Village Clerk position and she is attending meetings to prepare.

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Doezema to approve the agenda with additions of New Business (1) September meeting date and (2) Marshal Plastic pond. Motion carried.

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report and presented the Council with her findings regarding interest rates. She has been meeting and talking with United Bank about different ways to increase our interest earned. She also reported that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Martin to approve the report for July 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.

## **Department Updates/Reports:**

1. **Public Safety:** The county speed sign on West Allegan St. didn't register any data so it has been recharged and is back. Next it will be placed on North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Member Martin discussed purchasing light wands to assist with traffic control. Member Doezema reported that there is \$2600 remaining in the public safety budget. Member Martin reported that he purchased safety vests with Village logo, to be worn when assisting with traffic control, from B. C. Trophy.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported on the progress and process for the new Michigan gas line on West Allegan. Work is starting soon. He also reported that Members J. Brinkhuis and G. Brinkhuis have been working with him to gather information and apply for grants from Allegan County, to be distributed from ARPA funds for water system projects and other projects. We are waiting on the answer from Allegan County. Member Martin reported that the owner of the old bank building will be fixing his windows and will allow a community member to paint on the glass. That project will be happening soon.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported on the school pit meter and steps being taken to make it accessible, and then it will be updated. He also reported that the final inspection for the sewer lift stations happened on August 4. All went well and Member Doezema and Member J. Brinkhuis are gathering data for USDA quarterly reports. Member Martin also reported on the recent storm and lightning damage to the West lift station. Our pumps are in Kalamazoo for repair and our insurance agent has been informed and is working on the claim.
4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Gale Dugan attended the meeting and reported on the status of additional ARPA funds (no decisions yet), and reported on commission activities and meetings. Specific items were the on-line medical examiners report, solar panels at Dumont Lake, and several resolutions regarding auto insurance reforms, the budget, 5 year plan, and indigent defense.

## **Old Business:**

1. Member Doezema asked if it was okay to purchase a gift card as a thank you to Rose Haaksma for her work watering the flowers. There were no objects to a \$100 gift card, which Member Kelsey will purchase.

**New Business:**

1. The Council discussed the September meeting and agreed to change the date to September 19, due to scheduling conflicts.
2. Marshal Plastic Pond – Member Martin discussed the drainage problems at Marshal Plastic Pond. He applied for a grant from Allegan County to help pay for the work. Discussion on which companies to contact to request bids for the work. Member Dykstra and Member Martin will insure we have 3 good bids before accepting a contract. Member Doezema suggested that we pay for our portion of the work from the Infrastructure fund.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Arlene Wykstra

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk