

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2023**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on December 11, 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, Smith, Martin, Bouwman, Kelsey, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual: None, Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2023 as presented or with corrections. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: No visitors present.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. *Library newsletter*

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the reports for November as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Taylor. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Nothing new to report.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that the DPW is ready for snow as the Snow blower has been serviced and the salter had stainless steel bushings replaced. Also that the new toolbox and tools have been purchased, and DPW Keene and Member Martin thank you. When the Christmas parade was reviewed, it was mentioned that our 4-corners and south Main Street seem dark. Since the Clark station has closed the light that was

generated from their sign no longer lights up the corner. After talking with Member Taylor since replacing the lights to new LED's our electric cost has been reduced. Member Martin is going to contact Consumer's Energy and see if there are any programs available for having new lights installed in town. Also after taking inventory of our barricades system, we have many barricades that we cannot use as they are damaged. Member Martin would like to look into replacing some of the barricades with new versions. Nothing that has to be done immediately, but Member Martin would like to have a number for our budget meeting.

3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that both our well pumps are back in service and should be set for another 10 years. After flushing the hydrants this year it was noticed in a couple locations even after running the water for more than 5 minutes there was still dirty water in the lines. We are looking into a dry product to add from Water Solutions Unlimited to help with our iron issues. This is the same product that Otsego uses and is doing well for them.
4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** Reviewed Sections 3, 14 & 16.
6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Commissioner Gale Dugan was present.

Old Business:

New Business:

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: *Mary Janet Hope Zuydwegt, Ronald Owen Blake, Marion Drewyor, Floyd Ray (Pee-wee) Caswell, Robert (Bob) Holland*

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis & Martin to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk