

**Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2024**

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on December 9, 2024 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 8:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Roll Call: Members present: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Taylor, Smith, Martin, Visser, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual: None, Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2024, and special meeting of November 25, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: None

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. *Quarterly Library newsletter*

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey reported on the CD that is set to mature in December. Proposing that we roll over the \$200,000 CD for 12 months at approximately 4%. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Visser to Rollover the \$200,000 CD into a new CD when it matures on December 14, 2024 with an estimated 4% Interest rate. Motion Carried. 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 Martin and supported by Member Kelsey and Member J. Brinkhuis to pay the bills and any forthcoming bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Officer Klein emailed report and all council members received a copy to review. Member Martin spoke with Officer Klein about the Christmas Parade and

safety of the volunteers. Member Martin also reported that there will be traffic speed and counting devices that will be up to record traffic for 10 days. Member Martin also went over the training that has been done for MIOSHA with Archangel Safety: Certifications that have been completed are: Fall Protection/ Working from Heights, Blood borne Pathogens, and First Aid/CPR.

2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that the Bobcat has new tires and is ready for snow plowing. Member Martin also reported that Local Street surveying has begun by Whitman. Tree cleanup by VanElderen was needed to open up lighting near the railroad crossing. Member Martin also spoke with Mitchell Pump regarding getting a larger propeller for the storm drain pump, which would increase the pump volume from 600 gallons per minute to 700 gallons per minute. This along with a new leech basin on Templeton should help keep the water off the road during heavy rainstorms. Member Martin also spoke with the owner of the apartments in town along with some of the tenants about parking during the winter months.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported on the new grinder pumps have been installed at the West lift station, but we will need new flight reset switches as they will not work with the new grinder pumps. The old grinder pumps are cleaned up and ready to resell.
4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** 3 New Policies Equal Employment Opportunity, Harassment in the Workplace, Disciplinary Action. 3rd reading was completed. All policies were read individually with Roll call votes: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Visser, Smith, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion carried all 3 policies adopted.
6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Gale Dugan was present, and reported on one meeting.

Old Business: Committee Assignments 2024-2026 have been assigned and the plan is to have meetings once per month, prior to the monthly council meeting. Motion made by President Brinkhuis and supported by Member Martin to pay Member J. Brinkhuis and Member Smith for 1 committee per month a total of \$75 until the end of their term in 2026. Motion carried. Member J. Brinkhuis and Member Smith abstained from voting. Motion carried. MDOT Local Street Resolution that the Village of Martin desires to enter into a contract with Michigan Department of Transportation to improve the local streets. Further resolve that President Brinkhuis and Trustee Martin are the authorized signers. Motion was made by Member Taylor and supported by Member Kelsey to authorize President Brinkhuis and Trustee Martin to be the signers of the upcoming Local Street project with MDOT. Motion carried.

New Business: Memorial 5K Run for the students that have passed in the last year, Member J. Brinkhuis will contact the person inquiring and pass along the info of the organizer of the Dirty Donut Race to see what all it involves. President Brinkhuis brought a quote to the board for repair to the deteriorating soffit and trim on the outside of the office, we will also get another quote from Property Revolution.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: *Gerald Fenner, Remy Coburn, Duane VanderPloeg, and David Oglesbee*

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member Martin to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk