

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2021

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on December 13, 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, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Bouwman. Absent: None Virtual: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2021, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: None

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to approve the agenda with additions/as presented. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Member Martin received an email from AT&T, thanking us for the work on their driveway entrance.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She researched interest rates from different banks and credit unions. All were offering the same low rates as United Bank. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for November 2021 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema followed by a discussion about the bill from Kennedy. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Dykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills, except the Kennedy bill. Motion carried. Member Martin will contact Kennedy and discuss the bill.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Dykstra reported that the new speed signs have been installed, on the south and north sides of town. We still need to purchase speed limit signs to be displayed with the speed signs. Motion by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Martin to spend up to \$300 on speed limit signs. Motion carried.
2. **Public Works:** Member Martin provided a detailed report of the recent repairs done, as referenced on the bills spreadsheet. He also reported that 9 street lights have been replaced recently and he will get that list to Member J. Brinkhuis so she can answer questions from residents. President Brinkhuis reported that the new loader is on its way and should be here Friday.
3. **Streets:** Member Doezema provided Member Martin with an email from MDOT requesting tri-annual traffic counts. We have estimated counts for many years and Member Martin will check with MDOT to see if they have equipment for us to do an actual count.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Final payments have been made for the water tower work and the lift station pumps. No problems with either system at this time. Member J. Brinkhuis and Member Doezema attended the quarterly sewer meeting with Plainwell. Nothing to report from that meeting.
5. **Finance:** Member Doezema presented the following budget amendment recommendations and the reason our expenditures have exceed the budgeted amount:

101-101-956 Commission Misc amend from \$2000 to \$5000
101-200-805 Contracted Services amend from \$100 to \$500
101-200-880 Community Promotion amend from \$2000 to \$3500
101-441-702 PW Salary amend from \$20,000 to \$30,000
101-441-715 PW payroll tax amend from \$1500 to \$2500
101-441-956 PW Misc amend from \$4000 to \$7000
661-000-865 Gas, oil amend from \$3000 to \$5000

Motion by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the proposed budget amendments. Motion carried.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the recent Christmas event. Council members were thanked for their participation and help.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain not in attendance.

Old Business: DPW Supervisor and DPW staffing: Member Doezema presented a job description for the new position and an analysis of past payroll history, as well as future projections. Member Martin discussed the desire to raise the DPW part time wage to \$22/hour to be more in line with what other municipalities pay their workers. Motion by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to raise pay for Keene to \$22/hour and to hire Rick Martin as the DPW Supervisor at a salary of \$25,000 per year, effective January 1, 2022. Motion carried.

New Business: President Brinkhuis and Member Kelsey reported on the recent Township Board meeting, where they discussed the petition to overturn the marijuana ordinance. The Township was sued over it and went to court twice, with the judge ruling in their favor both times.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Grace Herbert, Marion Visser, Ron Priest, Maurice Simpson

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk