

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2025

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on February 10, 2025 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, Kelsey, Taylor, Smith, Martin, Visser, Virtual: None, Absent: J. Brinkhuis

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2025, as presented or with corrections. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitor present was: Bob Genetski. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Bob Genetski is the current Allegan County Clerk and Register of Deeds; he brought Property fraud alert flyers and 2023 Annual reports. Bob also shared info on the past years elections and how they went.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence: None

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 Martin to approve the reports for January as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Taylor. Motion made by Member Visser and supported by Member Martin 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 reported that the digital speed signs have been installed around

town to get traffic speeds and volume coming through town. These signs collect the data from the traffic and he is hoping we can reserve them for other times of the year to see if there are any changes.

- 2. Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that we had to replenish our salt bin, we have used 20 ton so far this winter season. The cost was less than last year \$66.67 down from \$72 last year. Member Martin also reported that he had Ramey's Roots come in and remove the ice off of our out buildings. We have also gotten quotes for repairs to the trim on the office. Member Martin also reported on a meeting with Wightman regarding local streets. Member Martin also let the council know that we had to replace the floats for the storm drain pump, to his understanding they are still under warranty. Member Martin suggested that we should replace the impeller for the pump to increase volume from 600 gpm to 700gpm. To replace the floats correctly the wiring will have to be rerun to the new floats, Member Martin is suggesting that we pull the pump at the same time to minimize the cost. Member Martin reported to the council that on January 31, 2025 there was snow build up at Clipper Café that caused the drain to plug and water to go over the road. While clearing the snow the CAT broke some blacktop in the parking lot that we will repair in the spring. Member Martin also showed the council images of sewer lines that were scanned today from Lee St at University and Chalmers where there are some roots and blockages that Perceptive will be coming back to clear in March so it can be resolved before road work begins this summer on the local streets.
- 3. Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported on a meeting that was with Mike Vandenberg from Gun Plain Township about our sewer franchise and cleared up some issues on the monthly charges. Member Martin also let the council know that while evaluating the new lift pumps at the west lift station that we do indeed need the 2 relay switches at an estimated cost of \$1100. Member Martin, President Brinkhuis, Member J. Brinkhuis and Luke Keyzer will be meeting soon to go over the EGLE paperwork for the water additive that is to help with the iron in the village water.
- 4. Finance:** Member Taylor presented the updated budget spreadsheet and discussed changes that have been made after further review. Motion by Member Taylor, supported by Member Kelsey, to accept the updated budget spreadsheet as presented. Motion carried.
- 5. Ordinance and Policy:** No Report
- 6. Civic Affairs:** No report.
- 7. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 8. County Commissioner:** Commissioner Dugan was present and reported on one meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1. Sick Leave Act:** Member Taylor reported in the Sick Leave Act that is scheduled to take effect February 21, 2025, she handed out brochures and information and also let the council know that we will have to get a policy written. Member Taylor will get the Policy written and have for the March Meeting.
- 2. Hometown Days:** Member Taylor also brought to the council that the Hometown Days Committee is asking if the Village will sponsor the Porta-potties again this year. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Taylor to sponsor the Porta-potties for the 2025 Hometown Days. Motion carried
- 3. March Meeting Date:** Changed to March 17, 2025 @ 7pm.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Ronald G. Rantz and Joseph B. Channells

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk