

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2021

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on February 8, 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.
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 January 11, 2021 and special meeting/budget workshop of January 21, 2021, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Kevin Diehlman, Etna, Ryan Bouwman, resident, Luke Keyzer, water operator, and Bill Mohr, resident. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Bill Mohr presented a resolution to the Council, asking that it be considered for adoption. The resolution asked that the Council reject the current MDHHS guidelines around COVID restrictions and allow businesses to operate normally. President Brinkhuis informed him that we would take up the matter later in the agenda. Kevin Diehlman presented information on meters for the meter replacement project. He brought a sample meter and discussed the features and the benefit to the Village. Council asked questions of Kevin, Luke, and Jennifer regarding replacement plans. Kevin provided a quote for phase one of the meter replacements, which will be coordinated by Luke and Jennifer after they gather more information. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to authorized up to \$20,000 to purchase meters for phase 1 replacement, split between Sewer and Water funds. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to approve the agenda with addition of New Business item "Resolution regarding MDHHS Guidelines. 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, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for January 2021 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema, highlighting a number of annual payments and the two payments made to Member Martin for reimbursement for purchases he made to support DPW. Both purchases were approved in advance at the December and January meetings.. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
- 3. Proposed Budget:** The proposed budget, with input from Council on January 21, was presented by Member Doezema. Discussion on any additional changes. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to accept the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** No report.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Martin reported that the cameras, wi fi, and computer have all been purchased. He reported that the motor on the fuel tank continues to have problems and J&H will replace it under warranty.
- 3. Streets:** Member Martin reported that we are still good on our salt supply. Discussion on the sidewalk by the old pharmacy. Member Doezema will contact the property owner to remove the snow. Member Doezema presented the Street Commissioner resolution, assigning Rick Martin as the Street Commissioner. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote: Aye – Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Dykstra, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Doezema. Nay – None. Virtual – None. Resolution declared adopted.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member J. Brinkhuis reported on her progress with the sewer and water department. She has the new handheld meter reader and training is scheduled for February 16. Construction on the lift stations is still on track for a March start. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to submit a disbursement request to USDA for funds. Motion carried. President Brinkhuis signed the request and Doezema will forward it to the USDA.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** No report.

8. **Five Year Planning:** Member Doezema reported on the status of 5 year plans. Currently the Water fund has a 5 year capital improvement plan. Sewer fund will have the same after work is done this year. She has provided Member Martin with data on vehicles and other assets so he can develop a public works plan. Upon reviewing the strategic planning session from several years ago, it appears that the only outstanding item is the purchase of land. Discussion on what the land would be used for and whether this is still a necessary item.

9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain not in attendance.

Old Business: Member Martin received an estimate for drain cleaning. Motion by Member Martin, supported by Member Doezema, to accept the estimate from Clean Earth for \$3995.63 to clean drains south and east. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Resolution – The Council reviewed the resolution provided by resident Mohr. Council discussion centered on the authority of the Council and their absence of oversight authority over businesses. All businesses are currently open, with one restaurant operating at reduced capacity, per MDHHS guidelines. It is not the intent of the Council to attempt to bypass MDHHS guidelines or to encourage businesses to do so. Businesses would risk financial penalty and health concerns. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Martin, to not take action on the provided resolution. Motion carried.
2. March Meeting – Due to President Brinkhuis being out of town on March 8, the regular monthly meeting will be held on March 15 at 7 p.m.
3. Trustee vacancies – The Council informed Ryan Bouwman to provide the Council with a letter of intent before the next meeting. Member Doezema will contact Sara DeHaan and inform her as well. AT 8:15 p.m. the Council closed the meeting to discuss applicants. Meeting was opened again at 8:25.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Donna Conley, Edward Robert (Bob) Benedict

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk