

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2023

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors:

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor 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 Martin and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis 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 Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
3. **Budget:** Clerk Taylor presented the updated budget spreadsheet and there were not any changes. Final budget will be approved in March.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Information was brought to the discussion of the crosswalk of other towns policies on their crossing guards and solar crosswalk signs. We currently have 2 volunteering at the cross walk morning and afternoon. They have been certified by Allegan County as Crossing Guards along with Member Martin and DPW Keene.

Member Dykstra made a motion that we pay the Crossing Guards \$20/day for covering the before school and after school crosswalk traffic, was supported by Member Martin. Motion carried.

Member Dykstra made the motion to use \$16,000 from the Boysen/Community Promotion Fund to buy the Solar Crossing Signs and pedestrian crossing signs for the Crosswalk on East Allegan/University, we will ask the Martin Schools for funding and we would place the reimbursement back in the Boysen/Community Promotion Fund, supported by Member Martin. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Member Martin and supported by Member Dykstra to Reimburse Les Lynema for the 2 truckloads of top soil at the cost of \$990 that was brought in to improve the sidewalk on University in 2021. Motion Carried.

- 2. Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin mentioned looking into 401K for employees, along with suggested Street Commissioner pay increase from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Member Martin also mentioned we will need 2 loads of stones to level out the Southwest corner of the Marshall Ponds where there is a low spot, it drained well after the snow melt and the heavy rains within a day and a half. Member Martin brought a quote for new and updated State Champion signs for the four ways into town. He discussed it with the Martin Athletic Boosters about splitting the cost of \$1820 between the Village of Martin, the Athletic Boosters and the Athletic fund which they agree to pay \$607 each. Motion was made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Kelsey to buy the signs for \$1820 and have the others reimburse us. Member Martin informed the council that we are working with Consumer's Energy on replacing all the old bulbs in the street lights with LED bulbs. There is also a work order in with Consumer's Energy to add a new street light at the north side of the intersection of East Allegan and University, the cost is \$100 and that will be added to our contract. We have been using the Red truck at the crosswalk at University and East Allegan Street for visibility and caution for the pedestrians and crossing guards.
- 3. Sewer/Water:** Water Meter for the High School is on order, it is not a standard size the cost is \$1180 plus shipping. We discussed working on delinquent water bills. Member Martin negotiated a 5 year contract with Cummins to service our 3 generators we added a 3 year contract to the main lift station and have a 5 year proposal on the Well house generator along with the portable generator. Motion was made by Member Martin to adopt this contract and was supported by Member Kelsey. Motion carried. Perceptive is also up for contract, the council has decided to keep our contract with them. Member Martin motioned that we should appoint an Assistant Clerk and Assistant Treasurer, Member J. Brinkhuis was appointed to those positions, support by Member Dykstra. Motion carried. Member J. Brinkhuis informed us that we have received an email from EGLE that we are good on our PFAS and we will only have to test once a year and we have been tested for 2023. They will test again in 2024.

4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Commissioner Dugan reported on three County Commission meetings, he also brought a packet of Community Help information.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Holiday Pay Policy- added Thanksgiving to the list of Holidays- reviewed by members of council.
2. 123Net- motion was made by Member Dysktra and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to support the Allegan County Broadband Wired Infrastructure Expansion Project, Resolution of Support. Motion carried.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Judy Shafer, Gary DeKilder, & Mary VanAtter

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk