

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2024

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on February 12, 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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2024 and of the special meeting of February 6, 2024 as presented or with corrections. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: No visitors present.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. JC 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 Taylor 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 Taylor and supported by Member Martin to pay the bills and any forthcoming bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Reviewed report from the Allegan County Sheriff's department for January 2024.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that we just received information as to the contractor doing the broadband Digging, KLS. They have been getting water from us Since January 22 this year, Gary is satisfied they will work well with us.

Member Martin wanted to discuss the painting of our streets. The lines are in need of refreshment, and since we have been unable to feel comfortable in painting due to the digging that has been going on for the past years. All of our streets will need attention. In 2020 Accurate Striping did our streets, Member Martin will be getting quotes in the near future. East Allegan Street East of the railroad tracks is in need of repair. Member Martin will call John Sharp from Allegan Road Commission and check on their schedule to see if we could piggy back one of their projects. We also have a pothole issue in front of the old bank. That can be filled with road patch but it will need to be repaired correctly this spring. We have several storm drain rims that have been settling that need to be repaired. We also have an opportunity to replace some side walk, our contractor that does work for the village has some open times and can come into town and repair our storm drains and replace a section of sidewalk on the west side of North main Street also repair some sections of our rain apron in the same area.

3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported on the sidewalk in front of 1632 North Main Street, will need a section of it pulled up because we found a water leak from the boring that AT&T had done. We have communicated with AT&T and they will be meeting with us tomorrow to get a game plan for payment. We will need to replace the chlorine pump, and at the same time we should consider the quote for reducing our Iron content, it will need 2 mixing tanks, 1 mixer, 2 Stenner pumps, approx. \$7000.00 for these and the compound. Our West sewer lift station is having issues with material wrapping around the shaft and causing a doubling of run times. We pulled the pump and cleaned the material off the spindle and run times are back to normal. These pumps were installed without a grinder attachment. He has contacted Perceptive and Kennedy to see if such a feature is available for this type of pump. If not, we might need to consider our options. At this time, we are continuing to sell water to the contractors working for 123.NET. We have replaced parts in our Hydrant at the parking lot by the water tower, with more being replaced when we get the parts. We will bill the subcontractor of 123.NET with 123's support, for the entire cost of the repair. We are also looking into getting a Softstart at the cost of \$404 for the lift station to have at the garage for future use. Member Martin presented getting cameras for surveillance by the crosswalk for safety along with at the water tower. Motion made by Member Martin, and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to not exceed \$600 for the cameras. Motion carried.

4. **Finance:**

- a. **Budget:** Clerk Taylor presented the updated budget spreadsheet and there were not any changes. Final budget will be approved in March
- b. **Budget Amendments:** Clerk Taylor presented multiple necessary budget amendments. Motion by Clerk Taylor, supported by Member Kelsey, to adopt the amendments presented. Motion carried.

5. **Ordinance and Policy:** First reading of the amendment to Ordinance 59, Blight and Junk Control.

6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.

7. Five Year Planning: No report.

8. County Commissioner: Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and reported on last month's meetings.

Old Business:

New Business:

- 1. Hometown Decorations:** Clerk Taylor presented the agreement for Hometown Decorations for the 2024 Christmas Season. Motion made by Clerk Taylor, and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis, to have Hometown Decorations install and remove decorations for 2024. 5 yay, 1 nay President Brinkhuis. Motion carried.
- 2. Perceptive Annual Agreement:** Member J. Brinkhuis presented the agreement for Perceptive for 2024 with an increase of \$28. Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis, and supported by Member Kelsey, to sign the 2024 agreement.
- 3. March Meeting:** President Brinkhuis will conduct March meeting via phone, the meeting date will remain the 2nd Monday of March 2024.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: *Tim Curry, Rosetta Bancino, Phillip Glass Jr, and Donald Darrow*

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member Kelsey and Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk