

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2022

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on January 10, 2022 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, Bouwman.
Absent: J. Brinkhuis, None Virtual: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2021, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Rick Cain, County Commissioner. Commissioner Cain provided his report, so he could leave and attend other meetings. He reported that (1) redistricting is done and Allegan County is going from 7 commissioners to 5. Because of the change, Cain will no longer be our representative. In addition, there will be 6 State reps who each have a piece of Allegan County, (2) there will be a board dedicated to oversight of the Health Department, made up of commissioners and other vested parties, (3) CMH got the increase in their bond and will no longer have a shortfall for construction, (4) the courthouse is finished, and (5) the county budget looks good. A 6% raise was approved for all employees, to help address the employee shortage and encourage current employees to stay. As well, their contract has been extended for 5 years.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Christmas letter and picture from Dykstra

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She was unable to provide data on the monthly interest as those reports from the bank have not been received. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for December 2021 as submitted. Motion carried.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Discussion on the bill from Kennedy, with President Brinkhuis providing information that in his discussion with Alvarez it was agreed that we would split the bill with them. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Dykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Martin and Member Dykstra reported that the speed limit signs are now up and discussed the solar speed signs and their effectiveness.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Martin reported that snow removal has gone very well this year. Brinkhuis, Martin, and Keene are doing a coordinated snow removal.
- 3. Streets:** Member Martin discussed the request from the county for traffic counts and his discussion with them that there is no current need to comply. He will further research and determine if the Village would like to take steps to get a precise count. Member Brinkhuis discussed the loader that was previously approved by the Council for \$50,000. Because of a few items that needed repair, the price is now \$54,000, which included delivery (estimated at \$2000). Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Kelsey, to approve \$54,000 for the purchase of the loader. Motion carried.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Discussion of billing for 948 Lee Street, the Methodist Church parsonage. Upon inspection by Keyzer and Martin, it was determined that the meter was not working correctly and the address has been charged the flat rate sewer when it should be based on metered water. The church has been overcharged \$338.40, since the building was vacated in June. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Martin, to credit 948 Lee with \$163.20 (the balance of amount owed) and 969 E. Allegan (the church property) with \$175.20, for a total credit of \$338.40. Motion carried. Member Doezema also brought up the billing for Dover Farms, which seems very low. Member Martin will contact Keyzer to schedule the new meter installation and the Council will review billing and our contract to see if Dover is being billed accurately.
- 5. Finance:** No report.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** No report.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain gave his report earlier in the meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Budget Workshop – The Council reviewed schedules and decided to conduct the budget workshop on January 24 at 7 p.m.
2. February and March meetings – Discussed whether to reschedule meetings, due to personnel being gone. February meeting will stay on the 14th, with absent Council members attending by phone, if desired. March meeting will reschedule from the 14th to the 21st.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Jimmy McGuire, Marcia (Visser) Marques, Gerald Hill, Caroline Kozin, Thomas Tuinstra, Dorla Woodward

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk