

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2023

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on January 9, 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 December 12, 2022, with corrections. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Darcy Doezema, Resident. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Ship to Shore newsletter
3. Allegan County Board Election note

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 November as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Taylor. Member Martin presented information on work performed during Christmas snow event. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis & Bouwman to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills along with the addition of the \$400 for Holiday snow removal. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Discussion of traffic at the school crosswalk. Looking into the possibility of paid position for a crossing guard. Information was brought to the discussion on other towns policies on their crossing guards. We are going to look into this further. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Martin to have Rathco install All-Way Stop signs at the main intersection for the amount of \$1274.03. Motion carried.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin informed the council that after our Holiday Snow event the Marshal Pond Drain is performing well and there was no standing water after 3 days of melting snow (12-20”).
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin informed the council that the water meter needs to be replaced, but an access panel at the high school has been made for easier access to the meter. VanLaan and K&H Concrete cutting were contracted for work on this project along with Perceptive. Bills are made out to the Village the Martin school is to reimburse the Village for the work. While doing the work the grease trap was cleaned by Perceptive and will be billed to the Village and the Martin school will reimburse for this also. Member Martin and President Brinkhuis went to the school board meeting and presented the projects that needed to be completed.
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 the County Commission meeting from January 5, 2023.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Holiday Pay Policy *Moved to February meeting*
2. February meeting on February 13th & March 20th dates set for scheduled meetings.
3. Budget workshop meeting date, meeting set for January 23rd at 7pm.
4. Hometown Decorations- Clerk Taylor will look into when the council needs to have any changes made to company for Christmas 2023.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Pearl Shook, Loretta Jean Fugate, Marie Janowsky

Adjournment: Motion made by Member J.Brinkhuis and supported by Member Kelsey to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk