

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2021

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on July 13, 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, Bouwman. Absent: None Virtual: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Bouwman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2021, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: None

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. Thank you from Fred Bogdan
3. EPA notice on river cleanup

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid and highlighting activity. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for May 2021 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to pay the bills, any forthcoming utility bills, payment to SELGE and the USDA request for disbursement of funds. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Report by Member Dykstra on the status of solar speed signs. Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Kelsey, to purchase and install 2 additional solar speed signs, not to exceed \$6500.00. Motion carried.

2. **Public Works:** Member Martin provided pictures of rodent damage to the barn and reported that it has been fixed.
3. **Streets:** Member Martin provided pictures of the recent storm drain work on Lee Street. The bill will be coming, which was pre-approved at \$4900. It is expected to exceed that slightly.
4. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin provided pictures and an update on the concrete work around the north lift station and the reason for the work. He also reported that there is a water tower project pre-construction meeting on Monday, July 19, at 2 p.m. with Dixon, Luke Keyzer and the Sewer/Water Committee members. The water tower project will start around August 1. Member Doezema suggested that some of the Council members volunteer to do periodic checks on equipment while the water tower is out of service, volunteering herself as well. The committee will discuss and see if that is necessary. President Brinkhuis discussed the new pumps that have been ordered and expects delivery in about 4 more weeks. He has weekly updates from Powers at Wightman and Selge is on track to install the pumps. There is a 6 month guarantee on the pumps, with satisfaction before we pay anything for them. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Martin, to pay the current Selge invoice of \$130,003.18. Motion carried. Member J. Brinkhuis discussed the annual rate increase from Plainwell of 3.3%. She proposed a 3.3% raise in our commodity rate to \$9.40 per thousand gallons. During the SAW grant process and the USDA loan process, the Village was advised to also raise our RTS 3%. Motion by Member Brinkhuis, supported by Member Martin, to raise the commodity rate to \$9.40/1000 and the RTS to \$13.00, effective July 1 and reflected in the end of month billing. Motion carried. Member Doezema and Member Brinkhuis will review documents and see if there is any cap to the RTS we can charge, for future reference.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey discussed the recent installation by the Lion's Club of the bench in honor of Don Flower. The plaque for it is still coming. Discussion on what the Village could do to honor Don. Previously it was suggested to put a plaque on the building to dedicated the office to him. Members were asked to bring suggestions and prices to the next meeting.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain not present.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Eddie Oetman, Esther Schaafsma, Linda Wykstra

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsley to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk