

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 11, 2022**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on July 11, 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, Dykstra, Martin, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis, Kelsey  
Absent: None Virtual: None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13 and special meeting of June 27, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Noah Beatty, Angie Cameruci, Grant Remer. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Noah stated that he is a college student and is observing our meeting process. Angie is a homeowner at 1580 10<sup>th</sup> Street. She presented drawings and a request for a variance to build a pole barn. Council asked questions and granted her request, tentatively, upon concurrence from PCI. Clerk Doezema will follow up.

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

**Communications:** Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. MI Gas mailing – Member Martin discussed a letter received by residents of W. Allegan Street, informing them of the new gas line and that work will start soon, starting at Dover Farms.

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She highlighted that taxes are already coming in and that we have received the second half of the ARPA funds. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the reports for June as submitted. Motion carried. Member Dykstra discussed a recent conversation with a financial advisor and recommended we contact them for better interest rates on our CDs. Treasurer Kelsey will follow up.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Bouwman to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

### **Department Updates/Reports:**

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Dykstra reported on the extra speed sign on the west side of the Village, which was installed by Allegan County to gather data on patterns. This will allow them to better assign their officials to monitor traffic and speeding. The sign will be moved periodically to capture information on other Village streets. He reported that there has been an increase in tickets issued in the Village.  
On a side note, Member Dykstra reminded the Council that he still plans to conduct a farmer's market every Saturday in August and he is currently looking for vendors and participants.
- 2. Public Works & Streets:** Members Dykstra and Martin discussed plans to replace 185 ft of sidewalk on the west side of town. Member Martin presented a quote from VanLaan to do the sidewalk for \$10,525, to be done when the parking areas are redone. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to approve the sidewalk replacement by VanLaan. Motion carried. Member Martin reported on activity in public works and streets, to include new flag placement, purchasing DPW shirts with Martin logo, the results of the horse parade, and work being done with the new equipment, primarily at the Marshal drain area. Discussion on the upcoming Martin Hometown Days and what the planning group may need. Member Kelsey asked the process for her neighbor to add large amount of brush to the Village brush pile. Member Martin asked that he speak to Mike and arrange it.
- 3. Sewer/Water:** Member Martin discussed problems with the West Lift Station and the warning light going off. He is investigating the cause. Member Martin also expressed concerns over the location of the water meter at school and the difficulty in getting to it. Guest Angie Cameruci thought she might know the location of it and told him where to look.
- 4. Finance:** No report.
- 5. Ordinance and Policy:** Member Doezema provided a copy of the response letter sent to the attorney for the group petitioning to change the marijuana ordinance. No further action is required at this time, until we receive a response from them.
- 6. Civic Affairs:** No report.
- 7. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 8. County Commissioner:** No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Shift in Duties – Member Doezema reported on some duties that she turned over to Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis, including the ordering of office supplies and handling the billing to the Township for fuel usage. Recently Deputy Clerk Brinkhuis organized the official ordinance books, which are located in the kitchen file area in a marked drawer. All the ordinances are on line, on the website, for anyone who wishes to review them. As well, many office supplies are located in the kitchen cabinets or in the Clerk’s desk area.
2. Flowers – Member Doezema noted the great job being done by Rose Haaksma in water pots in town and dead-heading flowers. It is a huge job and she does it diligently. Member Brinkhuis takes care of the plants at the Village office, which look great. A big “thank you” to both.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Jerry Curry Sr, Janet Rantz, Don Knobloch, Starlite Pardee, Betty Ahlberg, Anna Leep, Frances Hendrick, Mary VanderVere, Adelene VanDerMolen, Patrick McLaughlin

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

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk