

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2023

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on July 10, 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 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Bouwman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2023, and the special meeting June 29, 2023 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Sam Pasinski with Emerson Geophysical LLC, Dan Frazer with Dirty Donut Race, and Randy Schmitt, village resident. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Sam Pasinski stated his was just here to observe. Dan Frazer presented us with a map of the village with parking for the Dirty Donut Race that is held the first weekend in June, he was informed by the previous school superintendent and Samantha Ball of locations that could and could not be used for parking. He wants to work with the village to make sure participants and spectators are parking where they should be and not disrupting the community too much. The Village Council stated that we will check with the Martin schools on this event. Randy Schmitt stated he was here to observe the meeting.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. Ship to Shore

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the reports for May as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Taylor. 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:** Public safety is covered in Public works and Street.

2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin's report stated last month was a good indicator of our need to look for a sweeper attachment for our bobcat. Tree debris up and down our streets. DPW is working on a schedule to get the new leaf vac mounted onto our truck with Tuinstra's Custom Welding.
On June 25th, we had a wind come thru town and brought down several branches and damaged some trees on East Allegan Street between Main and the railroad crossing. DPW Mike was able to get the branches off the road and pushed them up to the school parking lot. Owen Ramey was called on Monday June 26th to help us chip up the debris and branches. A tree in front of Earl Wykstra's house had the top broken off and for safety reasons the rest of the tree needed to be removed for safety. Once that tree was removed, it was decided by Owen, Member Martin, Member Taylor and Earl the home owner that the tree next to it is a real safety concern. Our special meeting June 29th gave us the approval to remove it also. Total bill removal of tree and stumps is \$2,175.00. Also in Member Martin's report, Ramey Roots Inc. has given us two bills for cleanup of the village from June 25th. The 1st bill is \$2,500.00 this was for east Allegan Street clean-up. Cut brush, and chip all debris. The second bill was from June 28th \$1,800.00 cleanup of South Main Street. Removing broken branches and cleaning up debris. Motion was made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to pay Ramey's Roots the 2 bills submitted for tree clean up totaling \$4,300.00. Motion carried.

3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin's report also stated that Perceptive will clean the sewer lines of North and South Main Street on July 10th. Haas brothers has a camera crew coming in on the same day to camera all of the laterals in order to push their lines safely thru the village. We have approved this action in our June 17th meeting. In return, the village will receive all information regarding our laterals for future use. On June 28th we were called to an issue with our sewer line along 10th street. The boring company had hit our sewer line and had a major leak. Our line was mismarked because when we repaired our line in 2004, the blueprints were not updated that Perceptive had marked our lines with. With the help of Rico and Cameron and Adam from Perceptive and also the Haas brothers, we were able to replace the damaged line with a new piece of ductile iron. The damage occurred at 4:30 pm and at 1:30 am the next morning the repair was done. Thanks to the relationships the Village of Martin has, we were able to get material and parts to complete the repair. At this time, it is not known our total cost of the repair. Since this incident we have located our updated blueprints and Perceptive has replaced their old information. We have had several complaints regarding our rust colored water recently. The company doing the boring, that we have been selling water to, have been getting their water from our fire hydrant, which acts the same as the "flushing" of our water lines, which in turn stirs up the minerals in the lines. This is a problem that is tough to control. Due the sewer line cleaning on Monday the 10th, we had posted a message on Martin Pride: If you do not have a backflow preventer on your sewer line there is a possibility of a burping situation in your toilet. Keep your lid closed and it should take of the issue. Member Taylor read the 2nd reading of the Summer Rate Policy. Summer Rate Policy adopted.

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 Gale Dugan was present and reported on 1 meeting and presented the plans that have been finalized for the Allegan County Courthouse and the Allegan County Services building. Gale also reported that Christopher Haverdink is retiring after 27 years of service also that the new Probate Report is available on the County's website.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. *2023 Property Tax Resolution/Truth in Taxation:* Member Taylor presented the annual Truth in Taxation Resolution, which overrides the Headlee Amendment. Motion by Member Taylor, supported by Member Kelsey, to adopt the Property Tax Resolution 2023-7-2. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Dykstra, Bouwman, Taylor. Nays: None, Absent: Martin, J. Brinkhuis. Resolution declared adopted.
2. *Emerson Geophysical Seismic Survey-* The Company has been hired to check for oil/gas in our area they need the Village Council's approval to go through Village limits to get the reading. President Brinkhuis asked County Commissioner Gale Dugan if he was aware of this being approved by the County and he stated that it would have been approved by the Allegan County Road Commission. He stated he would make a call in the morning and check to make sure it was legit and give us an answer on Tuesday Morning. Tuesday July 11, 2023 President Brinkhuis was informed that this was legit and the council had agreed that they could come through village limits. An approval letter was signed by President Brinkhuis and Clerk Taylor.
3. *School/SRO police officer-* The Village of Martin will be included in the SRO program with High School, Member J. Brinkhuis and Member Taylor will review along with the Martin School's Lawyer.
4. *Lawyer-* The council is currently looking for a new lawyer as we currently have the same lawyer firm as Martin Township. We have decided the Village of Martin should have a different lawyer so there is no conflict of interest.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Ryan Meert, Delores Hall

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

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk