

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 14, 2021**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on June 14, 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, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis. Absent: None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2021 as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Tina Keeler and Keith Walley. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Keeler provided the Council with an update on the projects she has been doing in town. Most recently she is working on the Arena Pizza building. She planted ivy for the side of the building and asked whether we could find someone to water it until it gets established. Other projects have been painting Clipper Café and Little Clippers Daycare, as well as landscaping and repairing the Village sign on the west side. Walley, owner of Clipper Café, updated the Council on his plans for the Hometown Day on July 10. The Council asked whether he needed anything for his event and he did not, at that time.

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the agenda with additions of DPW work under New Business. Motion carried.

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Thank you card from the Martin family
3. Consumer's Energy – application of herbicide
4. Communication with Shane Zeinstra – he would like to donate some trees and is working with Member Martin to determine location. Zeinstra also recommended talking to Mike Conner of Honeytree Nursery for his opinion.

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Martin 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 Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried. Member Doezema presented the most recent disbursement request for the USDA loan and President Brinkhuis discussed issues with the pump at the north lift station. He would like the Council to vote whether to submit the disbursement request but to hold the checks until some resolution is made. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to approve the change order and request for extension, and to approve the request for USDA disbursement of funds. Motion carried.
3. **Truth in Taxation:** Member Doezema presented the annual Truth in Taxation Resolution, which overrides the Headlee Amendment. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to adopt the Property Tax Resolution 2021-6-10. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Martin, Kelsey, Dykstra, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis, Doezema  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Resolution declared adopted

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

1. **Public Safety:** Member Dykstra discussed ordering the speed signs for the school. Member Kelsey took the information and will order the signs next week. Member Martin reported on the condition of some sidewalks.
2. **Public Works:** Member Martin discussed work recently done on the 1 ton truck and the plow truck, as well as the annual quote for Cummins to do preventive maintenance on the generators.
3. **Streets:** Member Martin reported that Selge did a fantastic job on the drain repair. He also discussed the Michigan Gas permit application and proposed work to run a larger gas line to Dover Farms.
4. **Sewer/Water:** President Brinkhuis reported on the lift station work and the continued failures at the north lift station. He and Member Martin are working closely with Wightman, Perceptive, and Selge to fix the issues. Member J. Brinkhuis will be sending new seasonal rate requests to individuals who have previously requested them, so we have an updated copy. And she will send request paperwork to residents who have requested them. Member Doezema reported on the quarterly sewer customer meeting with Plainwell, which she attended with Member Martin. Nothing new to report at this time. Member Doezema gave an update on meter replacements, which is approximately half done and will resume when we get more meters. Member Martin reported that we will be donating the old meters to the Martin Area Resource Center for scrap metal, if they accept them.
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 was not in attendance. But it was noted that the county ORV ordinance was recently passed.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

1. Discussion on the work done by Tina Keeler on projects around town, specifically the Village sign. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Dykstra, to reimburse Tina Keeler \$350 for materials and labor. Motion carried.
2. DPW – Member Doezema discussed the amount of work being done by President Brinkhuis and Member Martin in support of DPW and the sewer/water system. Neither receives pay and each are working in excess of 40 hours a month. Doezema provided details on our DPW expenditures for prior years and that we are significantly below any wages we have paid in the past. Discussion on what would be adequate compensation if we hired both individuals as part time DPW workers. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to hire both Brinkhuis and Martin as temporary, part-time DPW employees, beginning June 1, with a monthly salary of \$600 each. Motion carried.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: William Sebright, Bret Sunnerville, Neola Martin, Jim Mc Guire, Eddy Oetman

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Bouwman to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk