

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 10, 2024**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on June 10, 2024 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, Kelsey, Taylor, Smith, Martin, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis, 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 May 13, 2024 as presented or with corrections. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Keith Walley- Hometown days Committee Representative & Josh Visser – Resident, President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Keith Walley stated he was here to give the council an update on the plans for Hometown Days and to thank the Village Council for sponsoring the Porti Toilets again for 2024. Plans are to have Hometown days run the same as last year’s schedule. Josh Visser stated he was here to observe and is running for Village Trustee.

**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:** No communications this month.

**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 Taylor 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 Martin and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to pay the bills and any forthcoming bills. Motion carried.

**Department Updates/Reports:**

1. **Public Safety:** Officer Klein emailed report and all council members received a copy to review.
  
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that either President Brinkhuis or DPW Keene will make sure that the barricades will be set up before the Dirty Donut Race on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Member Martin also reported that he has received 5 bids for a new tractor the best offer was from Greenmark John Deere. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Taylor to purchase the 2024 John Deere 5075E with trade in of implements and our current tractor for a total purchase price of \$36,688.16. Motion carried. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to purchase a supply of Soil, Sand, and Gravel from Arnsmans to have available for donation or resale. Motion carried. Member Martin was approached by Archangel Safety LLC, regarding our OSHA requirements to prepare for future. Member Martin, President Brinkhuis and Member J. Brinkhuis have been working with Wightman on a grant for Local Street. Member J. Brinkhuis presented Resolution 2024-6-3 for requesting funds for the local street maintenance. Motion was made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Bouwman to adopt Resolution 2024-6-3. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Smith, Bouwman, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays: None, Absent: None. Resolution declared adopted. Member Martin reported that the Major streets have all been painted and repaired and that DWP Keene and Rose will be complete the painting of the crosswalks and curbs in the coming weeks.
  
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member J. Brinkhuis reported that we have received the Sewer increase from Plainwell for this year it is going up, Motion was made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to increase Ready to serve to \$14.81 and Metered to \$10.71 and the increase will begin on the August Utility bill. Motion carried. Member J. Brinkhuis also reported that Dover Farms was asking for a credit on their water/sewer bill from April when they flushed their hydrants. They supplied a before flush picture of the meter, but not after the flush was complete. The Council unanimously agreed that a post flush reading/picture was needed for us to credit their account. Member J. Brinkhuis will send a letter with the Council's decision.
  
4. **Finance:** No report.
  
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
  
6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
  
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
  
8. **County Commissioner:** Gale Dugan was not present, but he dropped off 2023 Annual report and copies of the agendas of the meetings last month.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

1. Member Taylor presented the annual resolution for collection of delinquent taxes. Resolution offered by Member Taylor and supported by Member Kelsey, to allow for collection of delinquent taxes through February 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – G. Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Smith, Martin, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays – None, Absent – None. Resolution declared adopted.
2. *2024 Property Tax Resolution/Truth in Taxation*: Member Taylor presented the annual Truth in Taxation Resolution, which overrides the Headlee Amendment. Tabled until July 2024 meeting.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: No Names submitted.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk