

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2025

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on June 9, 2025 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, Martin, Visser, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual: None, Absent: Smith

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2025, and special meeting May 22, 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: None present

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence: None

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 J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Martin 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. Member Martin reported that during the Safety meeting with Gun Plains & Otsego, he asked Mike for a copy of their Safety Manual, so we can use it and update it for the Village of Martin so we will be in compliance with the Safety Program. Member Martin also reported that the signs and barricades around town are not the villages, but the construction company that will be starting work on the local streets this week.

2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that May 15th will be a day we all remember for a while. We want to thank all that helped with the clean-up. Going forward we will have some bills coming in from a few companies that we called into assist with clean up. We also have many that donated time, equipment and workers, the generosity is greatly appreciated and still unbelievable. Member Martin reported that he was informed by the electric companies that had we not had quick response and help our power would have been out for another 3-5 days. We had our town cleaned up basically over the weekend which didn't happen at any other community that was damaged by the storm. We also want to thank the Fire Departments of Martin, Gun Plains, Hopkins and Wayland for their assistance in road control. Again, a great big THANKS to all that came to assist.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that the Water Tower was out of power, but our wells thanks to the generator was able to keep the water flowing. Since there was no power to the tower, wellhouse and tower could not communicate we had to manually make sure the water tower had sufficient water for daily needs. Member Martin also reported that our main lift stations generator kept the waste flowing, but we had to hook up the portable generator to the North & west lift stations twice per day to keep pace with the waste generated. Member J. Brinkhuis reported that Plainwell is raising the sewer rates again, which will have a rate increase again. Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Martin to increase the sewer rate by 6% for the August billing cycle. Motion carried. Member J. Brinkhuis also mentioned that we may need to increase the water rate due to the previous refinanced water tower agreement. Member J. Brinkhuis and Member Taylor will look into the previous records and bring to the July Meeting.
4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report
6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** No report.

Old Business: Member Martin also reminded us that we will need to update the computers in the office before October and the quotes we were given, he is going to get with Jesse and have all the updated information for our July meeting so we can move forward. Member Martin also reminded us that the Dirty Donut race is coming up on June 21, 2025 and we will work with Brenner to make sure the roads they will need will not be affected. Member Visser has contacted Fred Bogdan to see if we can work together to get access to the website and be able to update and change the website from the office.

New Business:

1. *2025 Property Tax Resolution/Truth in Taxation:* Member Taylor presented the annual Truth in Taxation Resolution, which overrides the Headlee Amendment. Motion made by Member Kelsey, supported by Member J. Brinkhuis, to adopt the Property Tax Resolution 2025-6-4. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays: None, Absent: Smith, Visser. Resolution declared adopted.
2. Member Taylor presented the annual resolution for collection of delinquent taxes. Resolution offered by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis, to allow for collection of delinquent taxes through February 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – G. Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Martin, Visser, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays – None, Absent – Smith. Resolution declared adopted.
3. Appreciation for all the help during the storm clean up, President Brinkhuis said he thought it would be nice to show more appreciation of the storm clean up. Some ideas were discussed and it was brought up to show our appreciation during Hometown Days by having a tent and table and have the council members have a time to be at the tent.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Deb Noteboom, Clinton Colburn, Gary Foote

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk