

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 13, 2022**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on June 13, 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. Absent: Kelsey Virtual: J. Brinkhuis

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Bouwman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9 and the Public Hearing of May 9, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Bob Bowden, Resident. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Bowden reported that his business is doing real well and he discussed the location of the handicapped parking spot.

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

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Member Doezema gave the report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for May as submitted. Motion carried.
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.
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 Dykstra, to adopt the Property Tax Resolution 2022-6-3. Roll call

vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Martin, Dykstra, Bouwman, Doezema, J. Brinkhuis. Nays:  
None Absent: Kelsey. Resolution declared adopted.

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

1. **Public Safety:** Member Dykstra discussed the road closure during the Memorial Day parade. Other than some last minute recruiting of volunteers, the road closure went fine with no issues. Next year he plans to have firm commitments from everyone who will be manning a barricade and closing a section of the road.
2. **Public Works & Streets:** Member Martin discussed sidewalks that need immediate attention this year and he will pursue estimates and schedules. He also discussed the handicapped parking spot which is being moved from in front of the old pharmacy to in front of the post office and adjacent buildings. Motion by Member Martin, supported by Member Doezema, to accept the quote of \$4810 to have the necessary work done. Motion carried. Member Martin reported on recent work of restriping the parking lot and additional “school” indicators on streets. Member Martin discussed the opportunity to purchase a good used zero turn mower. Motion by Member Martin, supported by Member Bouwman, to purchase the mower for \$5000. Motion carried. Further discussions on public works on banners & flags, insulation for barn, and blades for the plow truck. Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Bouwman, to purchase 12 new flags and brackets for \$907, approve the payment of \$1679.27 to insulate the barn, and to order 2 sets of blades for the plow truck for \$532.00. Motion carried. Discussion on the proposed sidewalk change on the north side of the old pharmacy. DeWind has agreed to pay \$6730 to make that change. Discussion on getting new banners, in partnership with some businesses, who would bear part of the cost. Member Martin will look into that and report back.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member J. Brinkhuis reported on annual sewer rate increase by Plainwell of 3.5%. Village policy is to raise rates at least by the same amount as Plainwell. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Bouwman, to raise the Ready to Serve rate from \$13 to \$13.50 and the Commodity Charge from \$9.40 per 1000 gallons to \$9.75 per 1000 gallons of metered use, effective on the next billing. Motion carried.
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:**

Marijuana Ordinance – Member Doezema reported on the status of this issue. At this time, the signatures on the petition have been verified and the attorney is researching the Council's options.

**New Business: None**

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Dennis Willover Sr, Everett "Ron" Lyons, Ilah Henderson, Janet Rantz, Babriano Jimenez

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

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk