

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 21, 2022**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 21, 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 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10 and special meeting of January 24, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were Scott Beltman 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. Scott Beltman addressed the council to discuss the Allegan County ORV ordinance and asked the Village to consider having an ordinance that would allow ORVs on Village streets. Member Doezema provided a copy of the AC ordinance. The Council will research and consider having an ordinance, to be discussed at the April and May meetings. Keith Walley discussed the next Martin Hometown Day scheduled for July 16, 2022. He discussed some of the plans and asked the Village to provide feedback on the 2021 event. He will provide more details in the coming months, as well as some ways the Village Council can support the event.

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to approve the agenda with addition of “Double property” under New Business. Motion carried.

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

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. President Brinkhuis provided a notice of a horse parade for June 11, by the Allegan County Search & Rescue and Michigan Sheriff's Mounted Association. The Council discussed the parade details. DPW is up to speed on the logistics needed for the parade. We will advertise on facebook.
3. Member Martin provided a letter from Dover Farms, thinking the Village officials for their help in clarifying a water quality question for them.

## **Financial Items:**

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, highlighting the amount of delinquent taxes and reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the reports for January and February as submitted. Motion carried. Treasurer Kelsey also reported that the CDs mature on April 7 and will be renewed for 1 year. Interest rates will be .2 %.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried. Discussion around the payments to Perceptive and Clean Earth, made by the Village, to address a blockage at the school. The Village paid the bills and facilitated the work, and will invoice the school. Member J. Brinkhuis will drop off the invoice on Tuesday.
- 3. ARPA Funds:** Member Doezema led a discussion on the ARPA funds and provided information she got from the recent webinar. Prior to the Treasury Department issuing their Final Ruling, the Council had discussed using all the ARPA funds toward the purchase and installation of the water meters (the cost of which was split between the water and sewer funds). Initially, that expenditure was not allowed. However, with the new ruling, it does appear that we could use the funding for water meters. The only question left was how we would handle that, regarding when to expense the money. Member Doezema will be speaking to the auditor and get the final answer on that. Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Kelsey, to spend the entire amount of the ARPA funds on our water meter project (affecting both the water fund and the sewer fund), if allowed. If it is not allowed, we will spend the money already received to date. Motion carried.
- 4. Truth in Taxation and Budget Resolution:** Agreement on the Headlee Override (Truth in Taxation) occurred at the Public Hearing prior to the current meeting. Member Doezema discussed slight changes made since the budget workshop, primarily in the changes to the cost of the audit, after getting the final numbers from the auditors, and in the addition of \$30,000 expenditure for a vehicle. Changes were discussed and agreed upon. Member Doezema presented Resolution 2022-3-11, General Appropriation Act for 2022-2023. She explained all parts of the resolution and the accompanying budget, consolidated by department. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to adopt Budget Resolution 2022-3-11.  
Roll call vote: Ayes – G. Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Dykstra, Bouwman, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Doezema.  
Nays – None  
Absent – None  
Resolution declared adopted.

## Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Dykstra reported on the recent storm and resulting road closures. Several of the Council members were on hand to deal with traffic. The State Police and the Martin Township fire department will inform us when there is actual training for traffic control scheduled and we are invited to attend.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Martin reported that the equipment is in the process of being switched from winter to summer mode. He is currently getting quotes for our annual drain cleaning. He also reported that the fire extinguishers have had their annual recertification and that we will look for another vendor for that service if we cannot get better cooperation from our current vendor.
- 3. Streets:** Member Martin reported that the work on the pharmacy water line will probably start on Thursday and the street may be torn up for 2 days. As well, parking spots are being evaluated and there may be justification to move the handicapped spot to the south end of the block.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Doezema attended the quarterly joint sewer meeting and reported on such.
- 5. Finance:** Member Doezema presented a list of budget items that should be amended. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to amend the budget as presented. Motion carried.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 7. Civic Affairs:** No report.
- 8. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 9. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain was not present. Member Doezema reported on some points left earlier in the day from Commissioner Gale Dugan regarding recent meetings and decisions by the Commission.

**Old Business:** None

## **New Business:**

- 1. Hourly employee raise** – Member Doezema added this item to the agenda. Member J. Brinkhuis is the only hourly employee eligible for a raise at this time. Due to the higher CPI and Cost of Living, a 5% raise is recommended. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to give Member J. Brinkhuis a 5% raise, starting the first pay period after April 1. Motion carried.
- 2. Hometown Decorations** – Member Doezema presented a contract for the next holiday season and decorations. Discussion on the quality of the last year's decorations. The

Council agreed to sign the contract for one more year, but to inform the vendor that we were not as satisfied as in previous years and we will be considering other options.

- 3. Holly Property and Double Property** – Dave Double approached the Village with an offer to give us a parcel he currently owns and has no use for, on the north side of the Hidden Ponds driveway. The Village currently owns the adjacent property, used for drainage. The Council will look into what documents would be needed and will accept the property if all documentation can be completed. Jean Holley approached the idea of selling part of her property which lies between her main parcel and the interurban. The Council will research this and see if it is feasible to purchase and to think about what our use of that property would be.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Arlene Nieboer, Pat Warner, Dana Russell, Dan Jager, Patty Schiedel, Sandy MacVean

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk