

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2025

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 17, 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, Smith, Martin, Visser, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual: None, Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Martin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2025 and special meeting Feb 18, 2025, as presented or with corrections. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Sue Tiemeyer. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Sue Tiemeyer brought to the council about applying for a grant to get a park with a pickleball court, splash pad that would operate 3 months of the year, along with a playground. They are looking to use the land between the Clipper Café and the library along with behind the library. They are only in the planning phase.

Approval of Agenda: Clerk Taylor presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence: None

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey went over the upcoming CDARS account and that it will mature in May 2025. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to Rollover over all but \$200,000 CDARS account which will go to General account to help with local street road work. Motion Carried. Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the reports for February 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:** Member Martin reported that Officer Klein sent his monthly report and that we have not received the report from the speed signs that were up around town last month.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that we have ordered our summer supply of crushed asphalt, gravel, sand and top dirt. Along with ordering new shirts for the DPW. Member Martin also reported that road patching season is here and we will probably have a lot of places that need repairs this year. Also, that a new 25 MPH sign and pole have been ordered.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member J. Brinkhuis reported that Dover flushed the hydrants in the new part of the park and is asking for an adjustment on their bill, they were informed that we need a longer notice than 24 hours and that we either need pictures or our water guys to read the meter before and after flush. Member J. Brinkhuis also let us know of a meeting between EGLE and Luke Keyser about needing a Water Reliability Study done every 5 years which will need to be done now to be in compliance. Member Martin reported that the West lift station is finally completed and working well. There was work done on the local streets to remove debris and cement for the upcoming road work. Along with it is being recommended that we clean and camera North & south Main and East Allegan this year, to assure that the pipes are good and no upcoming issues. Member Martin also reported that we had the well pumps serviced last week and are waiting on reports on their condition.
3. **Finance: Truth in Taxation & Budget Resolution:** Agreement on the Headlee Override (Truth in Taxation) occurred at the Public Hearing during the regular meeting. Clerk Taylor presented Budget Resolution 2025-3-1 for General Appropriation Act for 2025-2026. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis, to accept Resolution 2025-3-1. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Visser, Smith, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays: None. Resolution declared adopted.
4. **Ordinance and Policy:** No Report
5. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
6. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
7. **County Commissioner:** Gale Dugan was present, and reported on 3 meetings.

Old Business: None

New Business: **Sick Leave Policy:** Member Taylor went over the new Sick Leave Policy which is needed for the new law that took effect February 21st, the council had their first reading and made adjustments to when the time needs to be used by.

Yearly Hourly employee wage increase: Member Taylor went over the yearly cost of living increase that will take effect April 1st, 2025. Motion was made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey, to give the 5 hourly employees a 2.5% increase beginning April 1st. Motion carried.

Fred Bogdan: Member Taylor informed the council that we did not send the yearly gift card to Fred Bogdan that currently keeps our website up to date. Motion was made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to send Fred a \$200 gift card this year only to cover both years. Motion Carried.

Website: Member J. Brinkhuis was sent some information and a zoom call on updating our website due to our current website being older, she went over the pricing and that we should look into upgrading in the future. We will pursue looking into our website going forward and see what our best options are.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Doris Hyder, Gertrude Hoekstra, Dean Rantz, & Kathleen Adrianson

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk