

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
March 20, 2023

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 20, 2023 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 7:05p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Roll Call: Members present: Brinkhuis, Taylor, Dykstra, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Phone: Martin Absent: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitor was present Darcy Doezema, Resident. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** 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 with additions by Clerk Taylor. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.
3. **Truth in Taxation and Budget Resolution:** Agreement on the Headlee Override (Truth in Taxation) occurred at the Public Hearing prior to the current meeting. Clerk Taylor presented Budget Resolution 2023-3-5 for General Appropriation Act for 2023-2024. Motion made by Kelsey and supported by Dykstra, to accept Resolution 2023-3-5. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Bouwman, Dykstra, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays: None. Resolution declared adopted.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Martin reported that the new crosswalk signs will be delivered by the end of March and they should be installed the End of March beginning of April. Currently Rose H. and Jeff H. are both crossing guards at the cross walk in the before school and at the end of the school day.

- 2. Public Works/Streets:**

Member Martin reported that he is in discussions with Plainwell for 3-4 loads of salt for next winter season.

Member Martin also reported that a new pump \$13,000 has been ordered for the lift station by the library, it will also need new wiring and junction box. Motion was made by Member Martin and supported by Member Taylor to not exceed \$30,000 for the pump, installation of the pump and electrical for the South Main Street lift station. Motion carried.

- 3. Sewer/Water:** Members Martin and J. Brinkhuis presented an invoice to the Martin High School for the Access panel work along with the grease trap clean out that the Village paid asking for reimbursement. Member J. Brinkhuis informed the members of the board that a check will be getting cut to the Village this week.

We are looking into changing the policy on Water shut off to only a 30 day notice period.

- 4. Finance:** Member Taylor presented a list of budget items that should be amended. Motion by Member Taylor, supported by Member Kelsey, to amend the budget as presented. Motion carried.

- 5. Ordinance and Policy:**

- 6. Civic Affairs:** No report.

- 7. Five Year Planning:** No report.

- 8. County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and reported on several meetings. Updates on the Courthouse and Services building approval. He also helped us understand the Flood Plain Maps & Ordinances and the reason for them.

Old Business:

1. Holiday Pay Policy- Holiday policy second reading. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Bouwman to add Thanksgiving Day to the Holiday Pay Policy. Motion Carried.

2. Holiday decorations- Member Taylor presented a contract for the next holiday season and decorations. The Council agreed to sign the contract for one more year, with a possibility for changes next year.

New Business:

1. Flood Plain Maps & Ordinances- Discussion at April Meeting.
2. Wage increases- Member Taylor added this item to the agenda. Member J. Brinkhuis & DPW Keene are the only hourly employees eligible for a raise at this time. Due to the higher CPI and Cost of Living, an 8% raise is recommended. Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Martin, to give Member J. Brinkhuis & DPW Keene an 8% raise, starting the first pay period after April 1. Motion carried.
3. Ordinance review and discussion at the April Meeting.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Laurel Scalia, also Dan Wubben a resident of Shelbyville.

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

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk