

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2024

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on March 11, 2024 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 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2024 as presented or with corrections. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: No visitors present.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. *J.C. Wheeler Newsletter*
2. *Thank you from resident on North Main Street for the repair of the sidewalk.*

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 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.
3. **Truth in Taxation & 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 2024-3-1 for General Appropriation Act for 2024-2025. Motion made by Taylor and supported by J. Brinkhuis, to accept Resolution 2024-3-1. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Bouwman, Smith, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays: None. Resolution declared adopted. Motion to adjourn hearing made by Member Martin and supported by J. Brinkhuis. Motion Carried.

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

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Reviewed report from the Allegan County Sheriff's department for February 2024.
- 2. Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that he is currently meeting with a couple of Asphalt companies for striping of streets and hot patch repairs. PK Asphalt has also been contacted about pricing for painting the lines on the streets. Member Martin also reported that there have been repairs to our concrete around town, Lee Street an apron to the leach basin. The Village Parking Lot by the tower as the shut off valves were exposed due to blacktop settling. North Main street sidewalk was replaced due to damage from a repair. Also the approach and sidewalk next to the storm pump location as the drain had settled and was in danger of collapsing.
- 3. Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that we have received the test results from Peerless regarding our wells and they are both in good condition and there are no further recommendations currently for concern at this time. Due to a water leak at 1632 N Main St there was a repair to the sidewalk that had to be removed to make the water line repair. Cameras have been installed at the water tower and have proved to be helpful in controlling the use of the hydrant during the installation of the broadband material. Member Martin also reported that we have been having some issues with Millenium Cont., not in compliance. Member Martin had a meeting with their crew to properly train them and the new contract that is in place. KLS hit a water service line at 928 E. Allegan St. It has been repaired by Luke Keyzer and a bill will be generated and given to KLS. KLS also hit a service gas line on Lee St. It has been repaired by Michigan Gas. Member Martin also reported he had a meeting with 123.Net regarding the progress and why W. Allegan was not included in the loop. Greg from 123.Net explained it had to do with the grant money. Greg with 123.Net is interested in expanding the broadband on W. Allegan St to Dover Farms and Martin Reformed Church. Member Martin, Member J. Brinkhuis and Luke Keyzer had a meeting with Water Solutions Unlimited to go over the product they have available to add to the water.
- 4. Finance:** No report.
- 5. Ordinance and Policy:** Second and final reading of the amendment to Ordinance 59, Blight and Junk Control. Motion to adopt Ordinance 59 was made by Member Taylor and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Bouwman, Smith, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays: None.

6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and reported on two meetings.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Wage increases- Member Taylor added this item to the agenda. Member J. Brinkhuis, DPW Keene and Luke Keyzer and Wade Keyzwe are the only hourly employees eligible for a raise at this time. Due to the higher CPI and Cost of Living, a 3.2% raise is recommended. Motion by Member Martin, supported by Member Taylor, to give the four hourly employees a 3.2% raise, starting the first pay period after April 1. Motion carried.
2. EGLE- Member Martin reported that EGLE will start testing different sites around the Clark Gas Station.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Georgia Letts, Daren Mulder, Arlene Vonmyhr, Robert Allen Stauffer, and Nancy Counterman.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk