

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2023

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on May 8, 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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Roll Call: Members present: Brinkhuis, Taylor, Dykstra, Bouwman, Kelsey, Phone: Martin, Absent: J. Brinkhuis

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Bouwman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Bob Genetski, Allegan County Clerk & Register of Deeds. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Bob Genetski presented to us a card about Property Fraud Alert that is available to all who live in Allegan with no charge to subscribe. Bob Genetski also handed out copies of the 2022 Annual Report for Allegan County Clerk and Register of Deeds and pointed out a few highlights of the report.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. JC Wheeler Monthly Newsletter

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Taylor to approve the reports for April as submitted. Motion carried. Clerk Taylor presented the annual resolution for collection of delinquent taxes. Resolution offered by Treasurer Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra, to allow for collection of delinquent taxes through February 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – G. Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Dykstra, Martin, Bouwman, Taylor. Nays – None. Absent – J. Brinkhuis. Resolution declared adopted.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Taylor. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Bouwman to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Information included in the Public Works/Streets.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported on a seminar with Wightman Company about updating our I-Pads which hold our Water/sewer and storm drain information. New Driveway was installed at the village office. Generators have been serviced per contract. Member Martin reported that Sanisweep came through the village on April 24th. Member Martin met with Mike Grieser from A-1 Asphalt for quotes on road repairs on Edwards Street, High School Parking lot (Water Valve), University Street, and North 10th Street. Motion made Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey to have A-1 Asphalt patch the problem areas on Edwards Street (17), High School Parking lot (1) (Water Valve), University Street (8), and North 10th Street (14) for \$5880. Motion Carried. Member Martin met with Owen Ramey for quotes on tree trimming/canopy-cut on the local streets and also a couple of trees that need to be removed for safety. Motion made by Member Martin and supported Member Dykstra to hire Owen Ramey to trim trees on the local streets and remove 1 tree and a limb on the main streets that is a safety issue and 2 trees that are causing problems with storms drains for a total of \$6900. Motion Carried. On April 26th the new streetlight was installed at University and East Allegan. On April 28th Crosswalk signs were installed and on April 29th Kent Power finished Michigan Gas sidewalk repair. Member Martin and DPW Mike discussed with Mr. Cheeseman regarding our need to grade back his grass to get the rain water to flow to our drain. Perceptive cleaned the storm drains South and East this year.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that the Village received a call about a sewer leak south of town. Wasn't a sewer leak it was runoff from the field next to the road.
4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
6. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that the Memorial Day Parade is pretty well set and that the Lion's Club will also be presenting an sward.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and reported on 2 meetings and a conference.

Old Business:

New Business:

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: *Jean Gill, Audrey Pride, Miranda Mohr*

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Bouwman to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk