

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
May 10, 2021

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on May 10, 2021 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, Doezema, Kelsey, Dykstra, Martin, Bouwman.
Absent: J. Brinkhuis Virtual: None

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

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Don Rambadt, Martin Area Veterans. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Rambadt discussed the Veterans group sponsoring an essay contest at the school and churches. Discussion by the Council that it is a great idea but they feel it is too short of notice to have a well-run contest. The school had been contacted earlier and there didn't seem to be great interest in a short lead time request. Rambadt agreed that we should table the contest until next year and to get it started sooner. Clerk Doezema will draft a letter to the Veterans and other parties, asking that recommendations be provided to the Council by March each year so that it can be included in our planning process. Banners will be researched for possible purchase and display next year.

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the agenda with additions of Township invoice and Farmer's Market. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. ORV Public Hearing

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She discussed changes to the General Ledger, changing the name of the Capital Improvement cash account to USDA Debt cash account. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for April 2021 as submitted. Motion carried. Treasurer Kelsey presented the annual resolution allowing

the Village to collect taxes up until February 28, 2022 before turning the delinquent taxes into the County. Motion by Treasurer Kelsey, supported by Member Doezema, to adopt Resolution 2021-5-9. Roll call vote: Brinkhuis – yes, Kelsey – yes, Dykstra – yes, Martin – yes, Bouwman – yes, Doezema – yes. Absent – J. Brinkhuis. Resolution declared adopted.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Clerk Doezema presented the latest USDA disbursement request, which included a change order and request for extension. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to approve the change order and request for extension, and to approve the request for USDA disbursement of funds. Motion carried. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Martin to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Dykstra discussed the traffic cones to provide the school. Motion by Member Dykstra to spend up to \$500 to purchase the cones, supported by Member Bouwman. Motion carried.
- 2. Public Works:** Member Martin discussed repairs that are needed on the big truck. He also reported that the asphalt work has been completed, as well as the striping (which included painting the curbs). Member Doezema discussed the Lions Club request to put a Paper Gator next to the paper shed, to help manage the recycling. The Council agreed as long as the Lions Club keeps the area free of unwanted materials.
- 3. Streets:** Member Martin reported that Clean Earth would soon be cleaning the storm drains.
- 4. Sewer/Water:** Member Doezema reported that a significant payment was received on the car wash delinquent bill. She also reported on the meter replacement progress. Motion by Member Doezema to authorize up to \$50,000 to finish the meter project, supported by Member Bouwman. Motion carried.
- 5. Finance:** Member Doezema discussed the cost of striping the streets exceeded the budgeted amount. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to amend budget GL 202-463-775 from \$10,000 to \$13,000. Motion carried. Discussion on timesheets submitted by President Brinkhuis for 20 hours in support of the sewer lift station project and 12.5 hours for Clerk Doezema in support of the meter replacement project. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Dykstra, to pay the Council timesheets at the rate of \$15/hour. Motion carried.
- 6. Ordinance and Policy:** Member Doezema will get a copy of the Tree Ordinance for Member Martin, as requested.

7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on details of the Memorial Day parade. Kelsey will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Earl Wykstra is the Grand Marshal. Member Doezema reported that Student Clean Up day should happen between May 17 and 21. Also that Township trash day is May 22, at the library.
8. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
9. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Rick Cain did not attend.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. President Brinkhuis discussed the bill from the Township for curbing to assist with storm water management. He will offer to the Township that the Village pay half the bill.
2. Member Dykstra discussed his desire for the Village of offer a Farmer's Market every Saturday in August. There were no objections and he will research and do the planning.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Dorothy Rowe, Patricia Deplanche

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Bouwman to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk