

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2022

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on May 9, 2022 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 7:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Roll Call: Members present: Brinkhuis, Doezema, Kelsey, Dykstra, Martin, Bouwman.
Absent: None Virtual: J. Brinkhuis

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11 and public hearing of March 21, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Nikki Reid, Cannabis lobbyist, Ben DeHaan, resident, Randy Schmidt, resident, Lori Castello, PCI. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Nikki Reid provided information on allowing a cannabis business within the Village limits, which is currently prohibited by Ordinance #65. Residents DeHaan and Schmidt voiced their opinions on the issue. Reid outlined how a business might look and the positive economic impact it would have on the Village. Lori Castello added information on the different questions the Council would need to consider if they were to rescind the Ordinance and move toward allowing a cannabis business. State law prohibits any cannabis business from operating within 1000 ft of school property. The Village Council could amend or waive that requirement, but not be compelled to do so. Castello provided a map outlining the location of school property and the distance to the current commercial zoned district. No commercially zoned property qualify to house a cannabis business. Castello will provide the map to Reid, and Reid will provide the proposed ordinance to the Village. Without an eligible business location, the issue is tabled indefinitely. However, the Village Council agreed to consider further review and research in the future.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Thank you note from Fred Bogdan

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for April as submitted. Motion carried. Treasurer Kelsey presented the annual resolution for collection of delinquent taxes. Resolution offered by Treasurer Kelsey and supported by Member Doezema, to allow for collection of delinquent taxes through February 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – G. Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Dykstra, Martin, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis, Doezema. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution declared adopted.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. She added the following bills, which arrived late, for the Council to approve: Perceptive Solutions \$521.01 monthly service, \$300 Miss Dig annual fee, and \$166.36 additional service, as well as a bill from Kennedy Industries for \$1011.50. Discussion on the Kennedy bill, which needs some clarification. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to pay the bills, with the exception of Kennedy until items are clarified, and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Dykstra and Member Martin reported that Sharpe of the Allegan County Road Commission adjusted the speed signs, so that they are now registering exceeded limits correctly, and has shown Member Martin how to do it himself. Discussion on use of a box from Allegan County that will collect speed and traffic data, which will be useful for determining the amount of enforcement needed in the Village.
- 2. Public Works and Streets:** Member Martin provided an update on the 5 projects completed or near completion in the Village: #1 – Sani Sweep completed the annual street cleaning, #2 – Asphalt Restoration has completed the crack seal and patching, #3 – Storm drain cleaning has been completed. Martin provided details and pictures of the very extensive work that was done, and informed the Council that he had to authorize an additional day of cleaning. #4 – Striping will be done by PK Striping yet this month, #5 – the moving of the handicapped parking spot and other parking adjustments has been approved by PCI and will happen soon. Member Martin further went on to recap other work done in the Village over the past month, to include vehicle repairs and generator work. Resident Schmidt asked whether anything could be done about the very noisy manhole cover by his house. Member Martin will look into it.
- 3. Sewer/Water:** Member Martin discussed the recent call out to Perceptive and then Kennedy, to address an alarm. Member Doezema reminded the Council that the quarterly meeting of the City of Plainwell with its wastewater customers will be June 2.

4. **Finance:** No report.

5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.

6. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the preparations for Memorial Day. It was decided that the Grand Marshal would be posthumously given to Don Flower, who passed away in November 2020. Discussion on how to represent that, and who would present details of Don's life and service. Kelsey discussed the other details and plans for the parade and ceremony.

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

8. **County Commissioner:** No report.

Old Business:

ORV Ordinance – Ordinance #66 was offered by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Bouwman. Ayes – G. Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Martin, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis, Doezema. Nays – Dykstra. Absent – None. Ordinance declared adopted. Member Doezema will have it printed in the Shopper's Guide as soon as possible and it will be effective the day following publication.

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Rose Grimm, Marlene Hoekstra, Joe Mulder, Marilois Leep

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

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk