

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2024

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member J.Brinkhuis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Bethany Kennedy & Josh Visser. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Bethany Kennedy, the President of PTO of Martin Schools. Informed the board of the Christmas Market and parade, the parade and Santa and will still be held in the evening with the Council's approval. Josh Visser, newly elected Trustee at the November election, term begins December 2024.

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: None.

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 October with changes that will be available to council members before November meeting. Opposed by Member Martin. 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.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Officer Klein emailed report and all council members received a copy to review. Member Martin reported that he has been working with Officer Klein regarding Crosswalk certification, and to make sure the school and village are on the same page with training. Rose Haaksma and Member Martin were both recertified for the year with the Michigan DOT annual certification. Member Martin also reported that we should look into the pay for our Crossing guard, he is suggesting that we increase the current wage of \$20 to \$20.50 per hour. Member Martin also let the board know that the south signal had turned and needed to be so to strengthen the holding power and installed new bolts to secure both signals.
- 2. Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that leaf pickup is going well and nearing completion. DPW is ready to switch over to snow plowing prep. The Salter is ready and the plow truck needs new wear bars installed, there is a set of wear bars on hand and will have them installed by Ed's. Member Martin also reported that he is looking into new tires for the Bobcat, the tires are worn and there is concern over slippage while plowing. President Brinkhuis has a contractor giving us a price for new trim on the Village office. Member Martin also reported the deck work on the Village Office is almost complete except for the spindles being installed as there were 3 broken that need to be replaced. DPW Keene and Member Martin were able to restore many other issues with deck when the work was being done. Member Martin also wanted to remind the council of the Community Master Plan Meeting on November 19th at 6:30pm at the Township Hall. Member Martin reported that President Brinkhuis and Member Taylor had a zoom meeting regarding the Local Street Grant on October 28th. Member Martin also reported that the Village is on the Allegan County Road Commission's List to have East Allegan Street resurfaced east of the railroad tracks next year.
- 3. Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that the west lift station lift pump grinders are in and will be installed in the next week. Member Martin also reported that the Well house has had the new lock installed and that Lockmaster will also be getting the new hinge installed on the Village Office door. Member Martin also reported that the meters and readers have arrived and will be installed.
- 4. Finance:** No report.
- 5. Ordinance and Policy:** 3 New Policies Equal Employment Opportunity, Harassment in the Workplace, Disciplinary Action. 2nd reading was completed. Ordinance 52 - Michigan Gas Utilities 30 year Contract. Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member Martin, to renew the 30 year Ordinance with Michigan Gas Utilities. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Bouwman, Smith, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- 6. Civic Affairs:** No report.

7. Five Year Planning: No report.

8. County Commissioner: Gale Dugan was present, and reported on several meetings.

Old Business: None.

New Business: President Brinkhuis passed out to each council member a past Committee Assignments to think about what committee they want to be on for the next 2 years by the meeting, since it is a new election year. Member J. Brinkhuis passed out a Proposal from PCI to redraft Zoning Ordinance. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis, to have Lori from PCI redraft the Zoning Ordinances at a reduced cost if the Village of Hopkins also approves at their November Meeting. Motion carried.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Jazzmin A. De La Cruz Santiz, & Dona Gilson.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8:23p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk