

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 10, 2025**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on November 10, 2025 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, Visser, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual: None, Absent: None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Martin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2025, as presented. Motion carried. Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the closed meeting of October 13, 2025, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitor present was: Dion Buchino. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Dion Buchino just stated he was just here to observe.

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

**Communications:** Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence: None

**Financial Items:**

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey reported on the CD that is set to mature in December. Proposing that we roll over the whole amount plus interest into CD for 12 months at approximately 3.75%. Motion made by Member Visser and supported by Member Martin to Rollover the December maturing CD into a new CD when it matures on December 14, 2025 with an estimated 3.75% Interest rate. Motion Carried. 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 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Taylor. Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Smith 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 along with Officer Klein's report, there has been an increase in traffic stop activity. Member Martin was made aware of the issues of speeding and rolling stops in town. Member Martin reported that as of November 10, 2025, the law will be enforced about No Smoking in Village Buildings and vehicles that was put into law on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Signs have been ordered that will be posted about the enforcement of this law. Member Martin also reported that it was suggested that we install cameras in our DPW buildings, due to safety and the dollar amount of our machinery, were the reasons for discussion.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that the new DPW Dion Buchino started the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, he has completed all safety training required and has been in training since October 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be training on the Belly Blade truck and the John Deere Snow blower. Member Martin reported that since DPW Buchino's hiring both DPW's have been able to get a long list of projects that have come to our attention and will continue to complete jobs as they arise. Member Martin reported that the manhole cover by Dollar General on E. Allegan St has gotten a temporary repair that will be fixed with a patch in the Spring. Allegan County as contacted Member Martin that the Fog Seal on E. Allegan St. will be postponed until next year. Member Martin spoke with Rick Dykstra regarding the water run-off from the Elementary parking lot and the plan for replacing the parking lot, Member Martin will be working with Rick Dykstra and his team on this along with the High School Water Leach basin that gets overwhelmed and causes puddles on Chalmers.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that there we had a Miss Dig call last week and found out that all the old test wells at the old Clark Station will be abandoned this week. Opening the doors for the new owner.
4. **Finance:** None.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** Member J. Brinkhuis presented a New Office Policy Employee Handbook, we had our 1<sup>st</sup> reading.
6. **Civic Affairs:** President Brinkhuis stated that the Martin Fire Department wants to go forward with the planning of the Christmas parade this year, the council is ok with this plan.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Commissioner Dugan was present and reported on two meetings.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Member Martin reported that there was virus on the computer that had to be dealt and the proper steps if anyone has ideas of different IT or repair programs. Closed meeting at the end of regular meeting.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Kenneth Adrianson, Herb Johnson, Dennis M. LaFountain, Debra Lynn Haskin

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk