

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
November 8, 2021

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on November 8, 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, J. Brinkhuis, Bouwman.
Absent: None Virtual: Martin

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

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: None

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda, and added New Business item of DPW position. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Etna Open House
3. Thank you from Tina Keeler regarding new crosswalks

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She discussed the pending CDs expiration and the offered interest rates, which are .15% and .65%, depending on the type. Discussion on checking other banks for higher rates. She also highlighted the move of \$100,000 to General Fund Savings. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for October 2021 as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Discussion on money spent on striping of crosswalks and credit card purchases of new signage. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to pay the bills presented, any forthcoming utility bills, and charges for new crosswalk from Major Street Fund and signage from Public Safety. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Martin reported that he spoke with Vern, from the County, and the speed signs are in. Members Martin, G. Brinkhuis, Dykstra, and Bouwman will meet on Saturday to determine the best location for the solar powered signs. Member Dykstra discussed the topic of switching the direction for Edwards Street. Other than alleviating traffic congestion after sporting events, the idea has safety concerns. The Council will further review it before taking the plan to the school board. Member Martin presented the impact traffic sign he would like to install on E. Allegan, which he purchases out of pocket and is asking for reimbursement. The Council is willing to try the sign and see how it holds up. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to reimburse Member Martin for \$364.64 for the sign purchase. Motion carried.
2. **Public Works:** Council discussed the leaf pickup and how it will be handled if the majority fall after snow is on the ground. There is no guarantee that leaves will be picked up after Thanksgiving. Member Doezema will keep residents informed via facebook. Member Martin discussed the new sidewalk and explained why it was replaced. The new sidewalk is wider and is less tall, making it safer for school children and easier for snow removal.
3. **Streets:** Member Martin reported that the salter is working and ready and the plows are ready for snowfall.
4. **Sewer/Water:** President Brinkhuis reported on a recent air lock issue with the main lift station pump which was fixed by Perceptive.
5. **Finance:** No report.
6. **Ordinance and Policy:** Discussion on the mlive newspaper that is being distributed and how residents can stop delivery. Member Doezema will look into it and report back. At this time, residents can individually opt out of this paper. We have no ordinance that will prohibit delivery of the paper. Discussion on whether we can create one.
7. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey discussed the upcoming Christmas parade and event. At this time, the school is unsure that they want to hold an event in the building and alternative plans are being discussed. Member Kelsey will meet with the PTO this week and discuss it with the school. She will make the determination as to whether any event or parade is held this year, based on those discussions. She did report that she and the library have found a suitable Santa for the holiday, with an associated fee for services. Recommendation by President Brinkhuis that the Village pay the fee for Santa for both the library and the after-parade event, if it occurs. Motion by Member Dykstra, and supported by Member Doezema, to pay for the Santa Claus. Motion carried. Member Kelsey

presented a request for ARPA funds from Safe Harbor, for construction expenses. She passed it along to Member Doezema.

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

9. **County Commissioner:** No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: DPW Position – Member Doezema discussed the need to have a full time DPW supervisor. She will work with other Council members to create a job description and salary range.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Carl Haveman, Jack Washburn, Floyd Shettler

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

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk