

**Village of Martin  
Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2022**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on November 14, 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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Bouwman and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. April Taylor, resident, attending the meeting as the elected clerk to start duties in December.

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Doezema presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Martin to approve the agenda with addition of New Business – Dover Farm update. Motion carried. President Brinkhuis asked that we discuss reviewing the Charter on the December agenda.

**Communications:** Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Thank you card from Taylor family
3. Email from Scott Corbin announcing his retirement from Allegan County Emergency Management

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, highlighting her conversations with the bank on CD rates. She hopes to have updated rates in December. She reports that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the reports for September as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member and supported by Member Martin to pay the bills, with additions of Martin Tire for \$106.50 and Van Laan concrete for \$4810.00 and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

## Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Dykstra discussed the findings of a social media informal survey of 100 local people, regarding the traffic signal. The majority of those surveyed expressed a desire to keep the light on flashing mode, as a 4 way stop. No decision has been made. Member Martin discussed the idea of making a 4 way stop at University and East Allegan St, to make it safer for the children crossing the street.
- 2. Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin brought up the idea of making the full time DPW position salary. Member Doezema researched the Michigan Labor Laws, which do not support such a move. Member Dykstra and Clerk-elect Taylor weighed in on the idea, neither of whom thinks the position supports the change.

Member Martin discussed snow removal and equipment. Motion by Member Martin, supported by Member Doezema, to purchase a 10 ft box from DJ Landscaping for \$3500. Motion carried.

Member Martin updated the Council on DPW work regarding equipment switch to winter work, the Christmas parade, Michigan Gas work, and sidewalks. Because it is late in the year, sidewalks will not be completed until Spring. He also reported that Marshal storm drain is functioning properly, the plow equipment is ready to go, Arnsman provided top soil to add to the parking lot hill, the storm drain near the library needs new fuses, and the RTF meeting of the Allegan County Road Commission is 11/28/22 at 1 p.m.

When the sidewalk work is done by the Michigan Gas contractor, the Village needs a representative to inspect the work and ensure it is done correctly. Motion by Member Martin, supported by Member Dykstra, to appoint Jeff Brinkhuis as the official concrete inspector, unless Van Laan Concrete is the contractor doing the work. Motion carried. Both President Brinkhuis and Member J. Brinkhuis abstained from the vote.

- 3. Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that the meter replacement at the high school will take place over Christmas break and that we ordered 3 readers to complete the meter replacement project. Member J. Brinkhuis reported that EGLE has done their ground water testing at the Clark station and answered questions regarding PFAS testing, which is still done quarterly.
- 4. Finance:** Member Doezema presented 6 budget amendments. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to adopt the 6 amendments presented. Motion carried.
- 5. Ordinance and Policy:** Second reading of Credit Card Policy and Electronic Payment Policy. Motion by Member Kelsey, supported by Member Martin, to accept the policies as presented. Motion carried.

6. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported on the Christmas parade and event on December 3. She is very pleased that the PTO has taken over this event, with the Village paying some of the bills and managing the parade logistics.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Dover Farms – President Brinkhuis reported that Dover Farms has purchased the car wash property and has agreed to pay the outstanding water/sewer bill. Member J. Brinkhuis will make the changes and provide a final bill. In exchange for paying the delinquent bill, Dover Farms has been relieved of paying the monthly ready to serve fees for the property, until it is sold or the use of the property is determined.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Kathleen Wykstra, Jesse Rasnake, James Steele, Ann Wells, Shelly Buckhout-Ablett, Jodie Patrick, Linda Grinich, Ken Washburn

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk