

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 9, 2023**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on October 9, 2023 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, Taylor, Smith, Martin, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual: None, Absent: Kelsey

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2023 as presented or with corrections. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitors present were: Officer Klein (SRO Martin), Martin Superintendent Samantha Ball. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. SRO Alan Klein, wanted to introduce himself and let the council know how he is here to help with the community and has noticed there have already been some changes. Superintendent Samantha Ball shared with the council about the Bond Proposal that will be on the November 2023 ballot. There are 616 students enrolled in the school K-12 grades.

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

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

1. Library Newsletter
2. Thank you from Library

**Financial Items:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer Report due to family illness, will report at November meeting.
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 utility bills. Motion carried.

**Department Updates/Reports:**

1. **Public Safety:** Issues with homecoming parade 2023, Member Martin met with Officer Klein, regarding the roadblocks. He was not satisfied with the school parking lot security. No adult supervision at this intersection. Member Martin explained that this was a school function and the Village was lending support. Member Martin also discussed with SRO Klein regarding the traffic control at the Martin Reformed church during the Memorial ceremony for JJ Slagter. Crossing guard Rose H has been continuing her crosswalk duty. All is well and she mentioned that the new light at the intersection has helped a lot. We were also made aware of the traffic situation at the expressway the weekend of October 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> and Allegan County was made aware of the extreme traffic.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that the new sweeper on the bobcat is a great addition to the equipment for the village. Also that leaf pick up has begun and the new leaf vac is working well. Member Martin shared video with the council of the rain water issue on Templeton and also on N Main street across from the Veterans Memorial Park. During the rain storm and power outage on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> the storm drain worked well and the generator connection works well. The streets will be cleaned before the fall hydrant flushing.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported Perceptive has been working on the main sewer lift station, random alarms. They believe the adjustments to the parameters have resolved the problems. Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> we had a power outage in the village, for approximately 2 hours. Main sewer lift station generator worked perfectly, supplying power to the main lift station and the storm drain pump. Our portable generator worked perfectly, it was needed to give power to our west lift station. Member Martin was able to assist Cameron from Perceptive and learn the process to startup power to the lift station without doing any damage to the system. We had to shut-off water supply to two patrons of the village for lack of payment on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both parties paid the following morning and service was turned back on. We are still on for the rebuild of our number 2 pump the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hydrant flushing is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and reported on several meetings.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Justin (*JJ*) *Slagter Jr*, Marilyn Deen (Buys) Kent

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk