

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2024

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on October 14, 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 (Phone), Kelsey, Taylor, Smith, Martin, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual: None, Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Emily Jipp. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Emily explained that she is running for Circuit Court Judge and is looking to reinstate the County's Drug treatment program.

Approval of Agenda: Clerk Taylor presented the agenda. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the agenda with as presented. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. PCI Letter about Civil Infraction of Blight at Clark station has been sent and the owner has 30 days to clean up.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the reports for September as submitted. 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 there was another incident at the crosswalk, that a

car came through even with the lights were flashing and Rose was 2 feet into crosswalk. It will be put on our website and Facebook page that it is the Law to Yield to pedestrians when they are in the Crosswalk. Homecoming parade is October 18th at 1 p.m. There was a tree limb that fell at the Methodist church.

2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that DPW Keene has been picking up leaves; it has been brought to the council that the leaves and sticks/brush need to be separated on the lawn for pick up. Member Martin also reported that the new No Overnight parking signs will be installed and will be enforced especially during winter months. The MDOT local street Grant that the village applied for has been obtained as for the \$250K match by the state. This will allow us to resurface the local streets in town with the exception of Elsie. Member Martin will be going to a Local Rural Task Force meeting to see about funding for East Allegan Street, east of the Railroad tracks. The village has received a quote to trim the tree in front of the Methodist Church from Ramey Roots. Motion made by Member Martin, supported by Member Kelsey to hire Ramey Roots to trim the tree in front of the Martin Methodist church for the total of \$1300. Motion carried.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that Luke will be ordering 2, 1” meters and 2 readers for inventory. Luke will also be ordering a spinner for controlling chlorine for back as our last one was installed a week ago. Member Martin reported that the sewer pumps are on the way for delivery.
4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** 3 New Policies; Equal Employment Opportunity, Harassment in the Workplace, Disciplinary Action. 1st reading was completed.
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:

New Business: Council Compensation – Clerk, Treasurer, President –Member Taylor presented the following items: Provide a cost of living raise from the last 2 years of 12% for the President, Clerk, and Treasurer and establish the Hourly pay for jobs outside of the job description. Each amount will take effect on December 1, 2024. Motion by Member Martin, supported by Member J. Brinkhuis, to accept the Council Compensation recommendations. Motion carried.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Bonnie Simmons

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member Kelsey to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk