

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
October 11, 2021

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on October 11, 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, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Bouwman. Absent: None Virtual: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Member and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2021, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: No visitors

Approval of Agenda: Member Doezema presented the agenda. Member Doezema added USDA Disbursement to the Financial Items. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the agenda with additions/as presented. Motion carried.

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. Thank you card to DPW from resident

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, highlighting the taxes received and how many are delinquent. She reported that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Doezema and supported by Member Dykstra to approve the report for September 2021 as submitted. Motion carried.
2. **Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema, highlighting the less common expenditures. She asked to include a bill to Wightman for \$5198, which is not included on the spreadsheet. Clerk Doezema also discussed that we haven't received a bill from Fedewa, which should be coming soon. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Bouwman to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills and the Fedewa bill when it arrives. Motion carried.

3. **ARPA Funds:** Member Doezema reported that we have received half of our expected amount. She is attending a virtual training session on October 20, which will cover how and when the funds can be used.
4. **USDA Disbursement Request:** Member Doezema presented the change order and the final payment request for the USDA loan. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Kelsey, to approve the change order and authorize the disbursement request to be signed and submitted to the USDA. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Member Dykstra had no update on the speed signs, which are on order. Member Martin discussed his progress on getting the school crosswalk finished and replacing the sidewalk on University. He also discussed that the high school only has one way out of the parking lot, because Edward St. is one-way. He will discuss with the school to see if there is any interest in changing the direction of the one way street. Concerns would be that when school adjourns for the day, students would be driving down Edward Street at a time that children would be present. It would be necessary to restrict when the road can be used.
2. **Public Works:** Member Martin reported that DPW purchased a new hose for the leaf vac. He also discussed that he found the titles for the vehicles and is figuring out the registration and licensing process for them. Member Martin discussed that the mower threw a piece of metal toward a residence and did some damage, which the Village will fix. President Brinkhuis discussed the search for a tractor or loader, which was previously approved. He found a suitable vehicle, a John Deere 623. Motion by Member Dykstra, supported by Member Bouwman, to authorized up to \$50,000 for the cost of a new vehicle, to be determined by President Brinkhuis and Member Martin. Motion carried.
3. **Streets:** Member Martin reported that we have plenty of salt for the winter season and that DPW is getting the salter ready. He also reported that lines were painted in the school parking lot by an anonymous resident, not the Village. President Brinkhuis reported that due to a recent fire, VanElderen Inc is interested in putting fire hydrants around their buildings and will coordinate with the Village on hooking up to the water main.
4. **Sewer/Water:** President Brinkhuis and Members Martin, Brinkhuis, and Doezema reported on the USDA Loan meeting with Wightman and the decisions that were made. As a result, Wightman will be reimbursing the Village for some costs related to the pump issues and the Village will be paying the difference in the cost for the new pumps. Member J. Brinkhuis reported that due to a small increase in the reporting limit of PFAS, the Village will be testing the well quarterly until we are back to an unreportable limit. She will get more information for the Council and residents, if asked. At this time there is no reason for concern as the limits are still low and could be the result of a lab or sampling error. Member J. Brinkhuis discussed the current delinquent accounts and the efforts to

get payment. At this time, only one account is scheduled for shut off unless payment is made on Oct. 12.

5. Finance: No report.

6. Ordinance and Policy: No report.

7. Civic Affairs: No report.

8. Five Year Planning: No report.

9. County Commissioner: County Commissioner Rick Cain not present.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Dorothy Levett, Irvin McCullough

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

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk