

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 15, 2025**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on September 15, 2025 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, Kelsey, Taylor, Smith, Martin, Visser, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual: None, Absent:

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Members Kelsey and Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2025, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** None present.

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

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

- JC Wheeler Newsletter

**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 Taylor to approve the reports for August 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 sent over the report from August 2025. President Brinkhuis reported that he and Member Martin had a meeting with Sargent Haas regarding the SRO/Village agreement and communication.

2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported DPW Keene went and got this year's salt from Plainwell. Also, that it was added to our website about opening a position for a part-time DPW assistant, there are currently two applicants, interviews will begin September 18, 2025. Member Martin also reported on the water over the road at Templeton after the road construction, Perceptive has been out and we do believe that we have the issue taken care of. Local street project is completed. Also, that the Crosswalk sign at school parking lot has been reinstalled. Member Martin also reported that Asphalt restoration completed the patching and crack seal project. The village is still on the schedule for fog seal on East Allegan, east of the railroad tracks.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that the sewer meeting with Plainwell went well. Also, that the new computers have arrived.
4. **Finance: Budget Amendments:** Member Taylor presented a list of budget items that should be amended. Motion by Member Taylor and supported by Member Martin, to amend the budget as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No Report
6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** County Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and reported on many meetings.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** President Brinkhuis presented a quote for a new lawn mower for the village so we can maintain the John Deere for Snow season. Motion was made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to pursue looking and not to exceed \$15,000 for a new mower. Motion carried.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: James Herbert Stoken Jr, Alice Boyce, Sylvia Davis, and Keith Button

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk