

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2022

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on September 19, 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 Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8 and the public hearing of August 8, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Pat Curry, resident. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Pat asked the Council about their notification policy for major work being done in the Village, specifically the recent gas line work and the lift station repairs. She was informed that we post most things on facebook and can also post on the website. She discussed her water assessment and that she didn't realize she had been paying it all these years (as it was handled by the mortgage company). No action by the Village is warranted. She discussed the new sidewalk and parking area by the pharmacy building and the hazard. It is being addressed.

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

Communications: Clerk Doezema reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. J.C. Wheeler Library newsletter
2. MML Insurance settlement claim – Member Martin reported that the claim has been settled.

Financial Items:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. She also discussed interest rates offered by United Bank for CDs. Member Dykstra expressed his concern that we could get a better rate of return from an investment company. Member Kelsey will research further. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Doezema to approve the reports for August as submitted. Motion carried.

- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Doezema. Motion made by Member Dykstra and supported by Member Kelsey to pay the bills and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

- 1. Public Safety:** Member Martin discussed the recommendation for larger crossing signs near the school. He also reported on the Allegan County speed sign and discussed the data. Further discussion on the traffic signal, which has been on flashing red while Michigan Gas finishes their work. There have been discussions in town as to whether to keep it flashing from now on. Member Martin will check the legality of doing so.
- 2. Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin discussed the Marshall Street drain and presented 3 bids for the work. The lowest bid was from Arnsman for \$49,300. Motion by Member Doezema, supported by Member Dykstra, to accept the Arnsman bid and to pay for it from Major Street fund, for drains, and to amend the budget to reflect the bid amount. Motion carried. Member Martin reported on the status of the Michigan Gas work as well as the completion of the sidewalk and parking spot by the old pharmacy building. There is a potential safety hazard which he is addressing. He also addressed West Allegan sidewalk repairs, which could be done in conjunction with the work done by Michigan Gas. Because MI Gas has already contracted with VanLaan Concrete, the Council is considering doing the same. MI Gas will be removing sections of the sidewalk to run lines to houses. When they repair the sidewalk, the Village hopes to make additional repairs but will need to do so quickly and potentially may not have time for additional bids. Members Doezema and Dykstra requested that we be very judicious in our identifying sidewalk that need repairs and be willing to leave parts that are not a safety hazard. The cost for the repairs will far exceed our budgeted amount, and our threshold allowed by Charter.
- 3. Sewer/Water:** Member Martin updated the Council on West Lift Station, iPad updates, and the pit meters at the school and in town. Pit meters will be replaced by the end of the month and he is working with the school to have an access hatch installed for that meter.
- 4. Finance:** No report.
- 5. Ordinance and Policy:** No report.
- 6. Civic Affairs:** No report.
- 7. Five Year Planning:** No report.
- 8. County Commissioner:** No report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Tabled for further research.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Luella Warner, Joyce Henry Meade, Peggy Steele.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Bouwman to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Doezema, Clerk