

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 18, 2023**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on September 18, 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, Kelsey, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual: None, Absent: None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2023 as presented or with corrections. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** None

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

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

1. Library 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 J. Brinkhuis 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 Bouwman to pay the bills adding Wolf Kubota bill for the bobcat broom and grapple hook for \$15,125. Motion carried.

**Department Updates/Reports:**

1. **Public Safety:** Member Martin reported that we are going to have Rose Haaksma continue as crossing guard, there have been between 12-14 people crossing before school and 16-18 people crossing after school.

- 2. Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that a broom and grapple hook were purchased for the bobcat, so debris can be removed from the streets and drain areas, along with moving large stumps when tree work is done. President Brinkhuis and Member Martin are looking to add a truck to the vehicles for the village to help with plowing, picking up parts for equipment, and going to meetings. The council gave their support stating that they can spend up to \$45,000.

Member Martin also reported that the Haas Brothers are finishing up with the AT&T lines that are coming through town. Stating that there are a few lots that need landscaping and sidewalk repair. We have 123.NET coming through with another underground cable for broadband; Allegan County is the driving force for this project. Storm drain is functioning well. A slight issue of high level alarm is still being addressed. The high level float has been raised, but the amount of water that comes in it is possible for the alarm to sound, for a short time until the drain pump catches up. Drainage ditch between E. Allegan St and Templeton has been cleaned up. We need to address the water coming in from Templeton Street; it is ponding on the sidewalk at the drain. We will attempt to create a drainage ditch with the bobcat. We have reported outages of street lights at the corner of Hidden Ponds and N Main, and on the corner of Lee and Elsie streets to Consumers Energy. We will be having our Fall hydrant flush the end of October, date to be determined. We have one more tree to remove on S Main, it has been approved we are just waiting for an open Saturday to be able to take it down and traffic control.

- 3. Sewer/Water:** We have a date for the rebuild of our # 2 well. The week of October 23, 2023. We have budgeted money for this rebuild. We have in our records now a complete layout for North and South Main Street sewer laterals. For when the Broadband comes through, they should be able to go through without a lot of issues.
- 4. Finance:** Member Taylor presented a list of budget items that should be amended. Motion by Member Martin, supported by Member J. Brinkhuis, 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:** Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and reported on several meetings.

### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** Land Transfer Approval: Rick Martin property

Motion was made by Member Taylor and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to transfer 9.5 acres from Parent Parcel Number 03-42-119-041-00 to 03-42-119-042-00. Motion carried.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: *Shirley Knowlton*

**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