

# Martin Village Council

## Special Meeting

**June 29, 2023**

**A special meeting was held on June 29, 2023, at the Martin Village Office, 1609 North Main St, Martin, Michigan. Proper notice was posted and notice given to Council members.**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Members present were G. Brinkhuis, Martin, Kelsey, J. Brinkhuis, Bouwman and Taylor. Absent: Dykstra**

**Public Safety:** The Council discussed subcontracting with the Martin Public Schools on having an Allegan County Sheriff for the school 9 months of the year and 3 months of the year for patrolling the village. They would be available for emergencies in the area if the need arose while they are patrolling for the school during the school year. The county will cover 25% of the cost as part of the SRO (Safety Reserve Officer) Program, the school would cover 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the cost and the village would cover 1/3<sup>rd</sup>. The villages cost would be \$33,674 divided up between the 12 months period. The Allegan County Sheriff's Department will have a detailed report on how many calls for the village specifically so we can re-evaluate after the 12 month agreement. Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to subcontract with the school for the SRO program for 12 months and re-evaluate after 12months. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Bouwman, J. Brinkhuis, Martin and Taylor. Nays: None, Absent: Dykstra. Motion carried.

The council also discussed Tree safety at 946 E. Allegan Street due to the storm on Sunday June 25, 2023 where there was a large branch that fell out of the tree and blocked the road. Total cost for removal of the tree that lost the branch was \$500 and \$200 for stump grinding. While removing the tree it was observed that the tree next to it was also unsafe and would in the near future start having the same problems as the tree removed. The estimate was given for \$1700 to remove the second tree and \$200 to grind the stump. Motion was made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Bouwman to remove the unsafe trees at 946 E. Allegan Street for the estimates given. Motion Carried.

**Water/Sewer:** Also Member J. Brinkhuis went over the first reading of the new Summer Rate Policy.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Member Taylor, supported by Member Kelsey, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:24p.m.

**Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk**