

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2025

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on July 14, 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: Kelsey, Taylor, Smith, Martin, Visser, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual: Brinkhuis, None, Absent: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Kelsey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2025, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitors present were: Jesse Morin and Jenny Curry. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Jenny Curry from Martin High School Athletic Boosters secretary, they are needing approval for charitable gaming license for the State of Michigan to have raffles at games and events due to their non-profit status. Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Martin to approve the charitable gaming license for the Athletic Boosters Club. Roll Call vote Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Visser, Smith, Martin, J. Brinkhuis, Taylor. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried. Jesse Morin from Merlex Computer repair, to go over the computer quote for new computers and updates that are needed for the office before October 2025. Motion was made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Kelsey to buy 3 new desktop computers, and 1 laptop with a docking station with all software that is needed for the office to operate and not to exceed \$5500. Motion carried.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence: *Ship to Shore*

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 Visser to approve the reports for June as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Taylor. Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Smith to pay the bills and any forthcoming bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Officer Klein emailed report and all council members received a copy to review. Member Martin reported about that work has begun on the local streets and there are many barricades around town and a reminder to be patient, kind and aware of their surroundings when traveling around town. Member Martin also reported that the Dirty Donut race was a success and Dan wanted to thank everyone for their support and that next year's race is scheduled for June 20, 2026.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that the new side window on the lawn mower has been repaired. Member Martin also reported that we have paperwork that Member J. Brinkhuis is working on from storm clean up to submit for reimbursement from the county/state. There was a piece of farm equipment that had a hydraulic line blow on W. Allegan, DPW Keene was able to get sand and floor dry on it immediately and clean it up before it became a problem. Storm drains will be cleaned for our South and East streets this year.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that the transformer has been repaired and we now have extra batteries that hold the memory and back up. We will now be changing the battery annually.
4. **Finance:** No Report
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No Report
6. **Civic Affairs:** No report.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Commissioner Dugan was present and reported on several meetings.

Old Business: Website- Member Visser is trying to contact the hosting company from the water tower so the website can be managed by the council members.

New Business: Sidewalk at Corner of Chalmers and E Allegan Street, it was brought to the councils' attention that there are some new issues with that sidewalk. Member Martin and President Brinkhuis got a quote from the contractors working on the local streets and the cement contractor that is doing work and we received a quote of \$8024. It has been decided to table the sidewalk for now and look at it this fall when we will have other cement projects done.

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Eleanor DeKoekkoek, Grayson Haaksma, Delores Culver, Jacob Sybesma

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk