

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2023

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on June 12, 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 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Roll Call: Members present: Brinkhuis, Taylor, Martin, Bouwman, Kelsey, Phone: Dykstra, J. Brinkhuis, Absent: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: None

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence:

1. *Thank you from Martin Methodist church from Gary Melvin's funeral*

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 May 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 and any forthcoming utility bills. Motion carried.

Department Updates/Reports:

1. **Public Safety:** Due to recent vandalism in the village President Brinkhuis will be meeting with law enforcement and the Martin schools on Wednesday June 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. on what should be done next.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported on the tree trimming in the village, Local streets canopy cuts have been completed along with 2 trees removed at Marshall Drain. There is the limb on North Main and the Tree on West Allegan to be completed.

Asphalt Restoration will be completing the thermal bond Wednesday June 14, 2023.

President Brinkhuis, DPW Keene and Member Martin had a meeting with Kent Power and Michigan Gas Utilities about the dissatisfaction with the landscaping job that was done on West Allegan Street. A Solution was made to have Michigan Gas Utilities and Kent Power hire Veterans Landscape fix the issue of the landscaping and then Michigan Gas Utilities and Kent Power can walk away from that project. Veterans Landscape will be starting on correcting the landscaping on Tuesday June 13, 2023.

AT&T is running wires underground through town and will be tearing up Main Street this week.

Member Martin, DPW Keene and President Brinkhuis have been looking into the storm drain in town that is on East Allegan Street by the school and are working on a solution to correct the eyesore.

3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported on the sewer clean out for the apartments on Main Street were cleaned this month, we have a root problem, and will have to put some Root EX in the basin. After a follow up meeting with Rico from Perceptive it is suggested that we clean the sewer drains and camera our laterals. To get an accurate reading of the laterals for this job and future drilling and diggings. Perceptive has quoted \$3800 to clean the sewer from north to south city limits. Camera will be approximately \$180 per hour, with a binder and a USB plug, for future reference. Motion made by Member Kesley and supported by Member Dykstra to not exceed \$10,000 for cleaning the sewers drains and lateral camera imaging. Motion Carried.

Member J. Brinkhuis reported that we have received the Sewer increase from Plainwell for this year it is going up 4.5%, so Ready to Serve will increase to \$14.10 and Metered will increase to \$10.20 the increase will be on the August Utility bill. Member J.

Brinkhuis also reported that we are going to work on a policy for summer rates.

Motion was made by Member Martin and supported by Member Taylor to increase Luke and Wade Keyzer's hourly wage \$2 per hour due to cost of living increase. Motion carried.

Water Committee will contact Peerless to get the rebuild of our #2 pump underway.

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 Gale Dugan was present and showed the council the Annual Health Department Report and the plans for the new Allegan County Courthouse. He also reported on 3 meetings that were held since the last village meeting.

Old Business:

New Business:

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Gary Melvin, Margaret Delp, Barbara Lee Herrington

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

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk