

**Village of Martin**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 12, 2025**

**The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on May 12, 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: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Taylor, Smith, Martin, Visser, Virtual: None, Absent: J. Brinkhuis

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Martin and supported by Member Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2025, as presented. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Visitor present was: Nancy Portice. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and they have five minutes to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Nancy Portice is a resident of the Village of Martin and wanted to follow up on some property work that was done near her home.

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

**Communications:** Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence: Thank you cards/letter from Leighton Church, April Taylor & Fred Bogdan.

**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 April as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Taylor. Motion made by Member Martin 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 on the results of the speed signs that were in town, and have had complaints about speeding in town. Member Martin also reported that flags have been put in place for the summer season.

2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that the windshield on the Lawn mower shattered while the DPW was out mowing, unsure of the cause, but the cost will be covered by our insurance and our deductible. DPW Keene was not injured and was wearing glasses. Member Martin also reported that a new part for the tractor bucket was received that was under warranty. Member Martin reported that Sani Sweep has completed cleaning the streets, that we have PK scheduled to repaint the 4 corners, we have Perceptive scheduled for the South and East Major streets with special attention to the drain by the Methodist church. Member Martin also reported that we have Asphalt Restoration scheduled, but is on hold until US 131 work is done due to the extra semi traffic that we are having. Member Martin confirmed with Allegan County Craig Atwood that we are on the schedule for Fog seal east of the railroad tracks to the village line. Member Martin has also been speaking with local street residents regarding the work that will be done in front of their homes. Member Martin is also working with Owen Ramey about tree canopies over local streets to make room for the equipment that will be on the streets during construction.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin and Member J. Brinkhuis had a meeting with Dover Farms about hydrant use, and they are asking for a credit on the sewer since the water went on the ground and not in sewer lines. Motion was made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Visser to credit Dover Farms \$1790 on their next billing cycle. Motion carried.
4. **Finance:** No report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** Sick Leave policy, Motion was by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to adopt the Sick Leave Policy. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kelsey, Visser, Smith, Martin, Taylor. Nays: None. Absent: J. Brinkhuis. President Brinkhuis abstained from vote. Motion carried.
6. **Civic Affairs:** Memorial Day, finalizing preparations for parade.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Commissioner Dugan was present and reported on two meetings.

**Old Business:** Member Visser reported that we can get hosting for \$100/ year and he will build the website, with one login to update as needed. Member Visser will work contact Fred Bogdan while working with Member J. Brinkhuis and Member Taylor to get the domain name and uploading items to the website. Motion was made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey, to pay \$100/year for hosting of the website and having Member Visser build the website. Motion carried. Member Martin reminded the council that the Dirty Donut Race will be June 21<sup>st</sup> this year and there will be a lot of bicycles and traffic in town that day. Member Martin also reminded us that we will need to update the computers in the office before October and the quotes we were given, which was tabled to another meeting.

**New Business:** Member Martin reported that there has been a request for a garage sale permit in the village limit, but we have not received the paperwork. The resident is looking to have a garage sale on Memorial Day weekend. Member Martin also reported on the Local Street Bids and that Brenner Excavating out of Hopkins was the lowest bidder. Motion was made by Member Martin and supported by Member Taylor to Award the Bid for the Local Street work to Brenner Excavating. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brinkhuis, Kelsey, Visser, Smith, Martin, Taylor. Nays: None. Absent: J. Brinkhuis. Motion carried.

**Recent Community Deaths:** The following names were submitted: Helen Leep

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk