

Village of Martin
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2025

The Martin Village Council met for its regular meeting on October 13, 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, Visser, J. Brinkhuis, Virtual/Phone: Martin, 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 September 15, 2025, as presented or with corrections. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Visitor present was: Keith Walley. President Brinkhuis asked each visitor to state their purpose for attending and to discuss any issues they had for the Council to consider. Keith Walley, presented the council with an idea for the Football field that they are looking for support to install 3 flag poles on the football field to display the championship flags. He stated that they will cost \$300 per pole and \$200 for the flag. They are asking if the Village will support 1 pole at \$300. Motion by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Member Taylor, to pay \$300 out of the Boysen Fund to supply the pole for the football field play-off flags. Motion carried.

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

Communications: Clerk Taylor reviewed the following received correspondence: None

Financial Items:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kelsey gave her report, reporting that all bills were paid. Motion made by Member Taylor and supported by Member J. Brinkhuis to approve the reports for August & September as submitted. Motion carried.
- 2. Payment of Bills:** The bills were reviewed by Clerk Taylor. Motion made by Member J. Brinkhuis and supported by Members Kelsey & Visser 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 that per the discussion with Sargent Haas, there have many stops near and around the crosswalk area and the 4-way stop. The fire department has issued a statement for safety reasons to move Trick or Treating to November 1st, 2025 due to the football play-off game on October 31st, 2025 and all the extra traffic. Motion was made by Member Martin and supported by Member Kelsey to change the date of Trick or Treating to November 1st, 2025 from 5-7pm due to safety. Motion carried.
2. **Public Works/Streets:** Member Martin reported that the DPW has started picking up leaves and will continue until necessary. Member Martin is also working with the churches in town to set a time to collect the leaves at those locations with their volunteers. There was a mock MIOSHA inspection last week and it went well; it is also time to renew the contract with Archangel and there is a safety meeting where they will be meeting to discuss the future of the program. Member Martin also reported that during the last rain fall and after inspecting the control on Templeton the work done there has been a success, there is a small amount more that needs to be done to make it a complete success. Member Martin has requested that when the Elementary school refinishes their parking lot that he be involved to help with the flow of water into the retention pond. Member Martin has not heard back from the Allegan County Road Commission on the Fog seal east of the Railroad tracks, but that DOT has painted the lines on East and West Allegan Street.
3. **Sewer/Water:** Member Martin reported that on October 4th, 2025, two of the firefighters from Martin Twp Fire Dept. climbed the water tower to inspect the lights. There were a warning and several other lights burned out and several bulbs needing replaced. The commercial grade bulbs will be purchased and will be replaced in the next couple weeks.
4. **Finance:** No Report.
5. **Ordinance and Policy:** No Report.
6. **Civic Affairs:** Member Kelsey reported that the Martin Public School's PTO decided to not have the Christmas Parade or Santa visit this year. They will still have the annual craft sale.
7. **Five Year Planning:** No report.
8. **County Commissioner:** Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and reported on three meetings and presented the 2024 Annual Road Commission Report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Closed Session

Recent Community Deaths: The following names were submitted: Judith Hill, Cathy Smith, Marilyn Welcher, & Robert Earl.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Kelsey and supported by Member J.Brinkhuis to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m, to move to closed session. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, April Taylor, Clerk