

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL  
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA  
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA  
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on Monday, April 14, 2025. Mack Porter led the prayer for those in attendance. Mayor Costin then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Kenny Costin, Mayor - Present  
Phil Deckard Sr, District 1 - Present  
Ben Mahan, District 2 - Present  
Josh Ferran District 3 - Present  
Suzie Lipps, District 4 - Present  
Phil Deckard II, District 5 - Present  
Ann Miller, Councilwoman-at-Large - Present  
John Badger XIV, Councilman-at-Large - Present  
Dale Coffey, Attorney - Present  
Ben Merida, Clerk Treasurer - Present

A quorum was declared present.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Costin presented the minutes of the March 24, 2025, meeting to the Council. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Councilman Phil Deckard Sr. Councilman John Badger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 5-0. Suzie Lipps and Ann Miller abstained from voting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Consideration of How to Move Forward Regarding Municipal Buildings – A discussion ensued regarding the buildings and a workshop was scheduled for Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of Statements of Benefits – Tax Abatements – Clerk Treasurer Ben Merida presented the statement of benefits for the council’s consideration.

- a. 96 East Morgan Street – A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilman Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- b. 60 South Jefferson Street – A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilman Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- c. 240 North Jefferson Street – A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

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- d. 210 North Jefferson Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- e. 21 North Jefferson Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- f. 27 North Jefferson Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilwoman Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- g. 23-29 ,39 East Washington Street and 41-43 South Main Street – A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilman Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- h. 10-18 East Morgan Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- i. 38-40 North Main Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilman Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- jJ. 88-90 North Main Street – A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilman Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- k. 154 North Main Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- l. 128-142 North Main Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- m. 66 East Morgan Street – A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilman Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- n. 78 East Morgan Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- o. 171 North Main Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- p. 72 East Morgan Street– A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilman Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- q. 88 East Morgan Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

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r. 152 North Main Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilman Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

s. 78 North Main Street - A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilman Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**CLAIMS**

A motion to approve the claim dockets as presented was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II. Councilman John Badger seconded the motion. The claims were approved 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Name		Signature
Phil R. Deckard II, Member, District 5, President Pro Tempore	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Phil R. Deckard Sr, Member, District 1	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ben Mahan, Member, District 2	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Josh Ferran, Member, District 3	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Suzie Lipps, Member, District 4	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ann Miller, Member-at-Large	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
John Badger, XIV, Member-at-Large	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	

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<b>ATTEST</b>			
Name	Signature	Date	
Benjamin K. Merida, Clerk-Treasurer			
<b>MAYOR ACTION</b>			
Name		Signature	Date
Kenneth W. Costin, Mayor	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Veto <input type="checkbox"/>		