

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the evening in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, Michigan. Present: President Myron McIntire, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Trustees: Wilbur Funk, Bruce Brown, Johnathon Smith. Absent: Velma Brown. Employees: Dave Post. Absent: Jan McMurray. Visitors: Deputy Dan Loder, Montmorency County Sheriff Department.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 7 p.m. by President McIntire.

A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Bruce Brown to approve the agenda as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Johnathon Smith to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Wilbur Funk questioned the amount for installing the plow on the Village truck also the mill furnace repair. Manager Dave Post explained the furnace situation, the snow plow was put on by a company not in the Village, some Council members questioned why a local business did not put the plow on.

A motion was made by Trustee Bruce Brown and supported by Trustee Wilbur Funk to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 33152 through 33170. All in favor. Motion carried.

President McIntire reported that Mr. Price from Hillman Schools asked about using the former Tripp Field for a Corn Hole Tournament on September 21st. The Council said that it would be alright with them if the band shell is not being used.

Deputy Dan Loder addressed the Council reporting that there had been several breaking and entering of cars in the Village, 2 offenders have been caught and one is still on the run. The Council thanked Deputy Loder for keeping them informed of incidents like these and coming to the meeting.

President McIntire reported that he had reviewed the Brush Creek Mill License and determined that it was outdated. After discussion with the current mill director, Sue Floer, it was decided that they (mill volunteers) will maintain the grass cutting and shoveling of the sidewalks during winter months. **A motion was**

made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Bruce Brown to allow President McIntire to sign the License Agreement with the Brush Creek Mill with the changes that they will maintain grass cutting and shoveling of sidewalks during winter months. All in favor. Motion carried.

President McIntire reported that there had not been any word from the Hillman Power Plant owners. The Franchise Agreement with Sunrise Communications has expired and a telephone call to them made them aware of this. A meeting will be some reimbursement for removing their lines from State Street during the Streetscape in 2010.

Manager Dave Post reported that Aimee Smith will contact the Village about the design for a mural for the cement building near the band shell. The Village received a letter of invitation to attend a meeting with County members and MEDC to discuss the "Opportunity Zones" program. The Village applied for this and was not accepted. but other areas of the county did. Manager Dave Post explained that this meeting focuses on Atlanta. Jim Young will update the Village website, he will put current pictures and minutes on the site as well as the current master plan and updates. The State Treasury sent paperwork for the Village to switch to 1 assessor for the Village rather than using 2 assessor's 1 for each county. Manager Dave Post reported that he is currently working on budget cuts in case of the power plant closure. This will be addressed at a later meeting.

President McIntire reported for the Hillman Fire and Ambulance Departments. EMS reported 26 runs for the month, 355 total year to date, up 32 years from last year. A new EMT has completed his orientation and joined the department. The Fire Department reported 4 runs for the month, 1 structure, 2 vehicle, 1 wildfire. The VJ Day open house/event was successful. The department would like to put 4 life saving kits at the high school

Trustee Bruce Brown asked if Omega Signs had contacted Dave about the bridge lights. Manager Dave Post said that he has not heard back from them and it has been over a month. It was discussed that the firm from Grand Rapids should be contacted to see what can be done with the bridge lighting situation rather than waiting any longer for Omega Signs.

Trustee Wilbur Funk reported that the park manager Tom Hunt has had people ask about a monthly rate for the family camp site. After some discussion it was decided that \$1000 for the month would be acceptable, this would be about \$16 per day for 3 campers and additional tents. Camp fees are under \$500 from last years

total. Park Manager Tom Hunt will be told to re-stain picnic tables and to remove the iron leg tables.

Manager Dave Post was asked to notify DPW Supervisor John Burr that there are tree roots growing in the storm drains on County Street. The weed ordinance was the next issue discussed and Dave was asked to contact the Village attorney for a cost for preparing it. There was a complaint about uncut grass on Pine Street, the home has been abandoned.

A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Bruce Brown to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Myron McIntire, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer