

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 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 Hornbacher, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Trustees: Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith, Thomas Bouchey, Stephen Orlandi (arrived later). Employees: Jan McMurray and Dave Post. Visitors: Jim Stanton, Hillman Community Radio, Deputy Watson, Montmorency County Sheriff Department.

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

Addition to agenda: Jim Stanton for Hillman Community Radio. **A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the agenda with the addition of Jim Stanton. Yeas: Smith, Brown, Bouchey. Absent: Orlandi, Nays: None. Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

Trustee Smith questioned the statement in the minutes from the last meeting that the ice machine provided for Emerick Park belonged to the park. President Hornbacher explained that the ice machine was not donated to the park, but would serve the park and the owner will split any profits from selling of the ice. **A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022, Council meeting with the correction that the ice machine was not donated to the park. Yeas: Brown, Bouchey, Smith. Absent: Orlandi, Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to approve paying the bills and additional bills with check numbered through . Yeas: Bouchey, Brown, Smith, Nays: None, Absent: Orlandi. Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Deputy Watson did not have anything to report to the Council, the Council thanked him for his service and stated they wished for him to stay safe, he then left the meeting.

President Hornbacher reported that the water committee had traveled to Northpoint to tour their water treatment plant, it is not a very big plant north of Traverse City. Trustee Smith stated that the building is only about 60x90 in size and Manager Dave Post stated that the water storage tank has a 60,000gallon capacity. The plant can be preprogrammed and operated over your phone. The

main cost for them, is getting the water from the lake. This is a gated community which is wealthy, and each resident paid \$10,000 dues to have this service. Manager Dave Post stated that if the Village went this way for water, they would have to add settling tanks. It was decided that the water committee will meet next Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. to discuss options.

Mr. Jim Stanton addressed the Council regarding putting flood lights up at the Bandshell, and string lights on the fencing where the sponsors signs are posted. He also asked if it would be possible to put additional speakers up the hill for special events, the conduit is already there so it would be easy and not too expensive.

Manager Dave Post that during a repair job for sewer/water the DPW accidentally hit a telephone line while digging. Frontier Communications notified the Village that they will be seeking compensation for the repairs.

Trustee Orlandi arrived to the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

President Hornbacher presented 4 brochures for prices of a new mower for Emerick Park. Trustee Smith and President Hornbacher visited each business to view the mowers get more information about performance. The 4 quotes are: Gravely 60" zero turn with a Kawasaki engine \$6000. Bad Boy, 60" zero turn with a Briggs engine \$6175, A Spartan 61" zero turn with a Briggs engine \$7599, and a SCAG 60" Patriot \$8549 or Liberty Z for \$5499. After some discussion it was decided to go with the Spartan for \$7599. **A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Orlandi to purchase the Spartan 61" zero turn mower for \$7599 from Saw Supply, Lachine. Yeas: Bouchey, Orlandi, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Smith, Hornbacher.**

Manager Dave Post reported that the mileage rate set by the State of Michigan will be raised from \$.58.5 per mile to \$.62.5 per mile. **A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adopt the new mileage rate of \$.62.5 cents per gallon. Yeas: Bouchey, Orlandi, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

Manager Dave Post reported that he will be attending a MML Liability and Property Pool meeting at Boyne Mt., he will be out of the office Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. A total of 13 letters were sent out to residents for various violations of the Blight Ordinance, most have responded and are complying. The Village Attorney, Tim Gulden, sent a letter to Star-Link regarding the Space-X building and new requirements for landscaping and buffering around their utility

hut. The Village received a letter from the recycling company expressing concern that he will need to increase his prices due to increased gas prices. This issue will be discussed with the township as they share the cost for recycling with the Village.

Trustee Brown reported that the door at the terminal building has been replaced, the steps need to have edges painted yellow for safety reasons, and the hand railing has been ordered. The Air National Guard Base at Alpena has requested to use the Hillman Airport in August for some training. Airport Manager Mark Mellingen has been repairing lights and doing some mowing.

Manager Dave Post reported a resident that has requested to put an addition on his house and after some investigation the house is built on a designated alleyway owned by the Village. A call to the village attorney revealed that the property is his due to adverse possession.

Trustee Orlandi reported lights out at one pocket park, there will be a fire/EMS meeting next week, they are looking for a new coordinator. **Trustee Brown** asked if the DPW should mow around the fire hydrants, the response was yes, when they get time, this will be done.

Trustee Smith reported that a tree had fallen in Emerick Park but did not hit any campsite, some trees will need to be cut this fall.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer