

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, November 22, 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 Dave Hornbacher, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Trustees: Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, Johnathon Smith, Velma Brown. Employees: Jan McMurray and Dave Post. Visitors: Yvonne Swager, Tribune.

Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South issued the oaths of office to Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, and Dave Hornbacher who then took their seats.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Johnathon Smith and supported by Trustee Velma Brown to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Stephen Orlandi and supported by Trustee Thomas Bouchey to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Bouchey and supported by Trustee Johnathon Smith to pay the bills and additional bills with check numbered 35620 through 35661. Yeas: Bouchey, Orlandi, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that he had received a proposal for the playground improvement at Emerick Park including a new slide/jungle gym, merry-go-round and additional picnic tables and 2 seat swings. This would include grant writing money and engineer/architect fees all for around \$100,000, if we include a pickle ball court it would be around \$150,000. The first round of DNR grants will need to be submitted by December 19th so the Council will need to pass a resolution at their December 6th meeting, or it can be submitted in the next 2 rounds of grants in 2023. **Manager Dave Post** reported that the bid documents are ready to go out in December for the lining of the culverts for 2nd and 3rd streets. Work is being done on the wetland delineation on the power plant property. The dashboard report is completed and will be submitted by December 1st. MML is offering 2 webinars for water/infrastructure if anyone on the Council would like to sit in they will be offered on November 29th and 30th at 1:00 p.m. The Village received a quote from

Alpena Recycling for an estimate of \$21,175 for 2023 which will be split between Hillman Township and The Village of Hillman. The next issue addressed was the Main Street Loan Application and Loan Agreement/Promissary Note. Manager Dave Post requested the Council decide what part of the application should be used. The Council agreed that both the loan agreement and the promissory note should be used when issuing any loan.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Johnathon Smith to approve the Main Street Loan Application, Loan Agreement and Promissary Note as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South brought the Council's attention to an outstanding HELP Loan that has been paying interest only. Currently the interest has been calculated without being compounded. The principle balance has remained the same so there is no change in the interest amount, due to a former Council decision to allow interest only payments. After a brief discussion it was decided to keep the interest payment the same until back interest is paid and then restructuring of the loan will be done. Clerk South requested that the office be closed on Friday after Thanksgiving as there is very little activity at the end of the month. The Council agreed to allow the office to close on Friday, November 25th.

Trustee Johnathon Smith reported that the dock has been removed at Emerick Park and the water has been turned off.

Trustee Stephen Orlandi reported that all streetlights appear to be working and the streets look good. The sidewalk at the top of the hill looks nice, Team Elmers did a great job. **Manager Dave Post** reported that a reminder letter was received from EGLE about water testing of bacteria not being sent in from October, it was scanned in and sent in. The application for lagoon #2 maintenance for next year has been submitted.

President Dave Hornbacher reported that the Village had received a purchase agreement for purchasing the property behind the power plant within the industrial park. The company interested in purchasing it (Michigan Land Investments) has been in business since August of 2022. The Council decided they were not interested in selling the property.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer

