

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 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, Dave Post. Visitors: Judy Nichols, Lloyd Peltier (County Commissioner).

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

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022, meeting as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to approve paying the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 35662 through 35685. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that Huron Engineering will write for the SPARK Grant for a fee of \$500 which will not be charged to the actual grant. The total amount of the grant request is \$225,000 with a match of \$25,000 which has been donated by Hillman Power Company for a total project cost of \$250,000. Davis-Bacon wages must be paid as these are Federal funds, and the park improvements should be accessible all year.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt Resolution 2022-08 Local Unit of Government Match With Donated Funds. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

**Village of Hillman
P.O. Box 96
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**Village of Hillman Resolution 2022-08
LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT MATCH WITH DONATED FUNDS**

WHEREAS, The Hillman Village Council supports the submission of an application titled, “Emerick Park Playground Upgrade and Pickleball Court Installation” to the Spark grant program for Playground equipment and a Pickle Ball Court at Emerick Park; and,

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded the applicant commits its local match from

Hillman Power Company	\$25,000 (donated amount)
Total: \$25,000 (sum of donations)	

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hillman Village Council hereby authorizes submission of a Spark grant Application for \$225,000.00 and further resolves to make available a local match through financial commitment from donation(s) of \$25,000.00 (10%) of the total \$250,000.00 project cost, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

MOTION APPROVED.

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the Village of Hillman Village Council at their regular meeting held on December 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillman Community Center with a quorum present.

Village Clerk

Dated: December 6, 2022

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to approve up to \$500 for Huron Engineering to prepare the grant application for the Spark Grant/Emerick Park Playground Equipment and Pickle Ball Court Installation. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that the water committee will have a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on December 14th with Huron Engineering. The Village of Hillman received notice that a permit was not needed for culvert work, however another individual said a permit was needed so a permit application will be done. **President Hornbacher** reported receiving notice from the Village attorney that a lien on against property involving a HELP (UDAG) loan recipient will expire in March 2023, it was suggested that the paperwork be given to Council members to be reviewed before a decision is made. Two other outstanding loans need to be reviewed and revised by the end of March. **Manager Dave Post** reported that he distributed the new loan applications for façade improvements for downtown businesses, only one expressed interest, but hopefully there will be more in the future.

Clerk Brenda South asked about Holiday Hours for Employees, it was decided that since Christmas and New Years' is on a weekend employees will take off Friday and Monday for Christmas, and ½ day on Friday prior to New Years' Eve, and Monday off for New Year.

Trustee Velma Brown reported that Airport Manager Mark Melligen plowed the airport with his own truck but would prefer to use a Village truck, it was suggested he use the Emerick Park truck for plowing since it is parked for the winter months. Manager Mark Melligen reportedly has a Master Plan for the airport.

Trustee Johnathon Smith reported that there is still 1 camper at the park, and he will check to see if the water has been shut off, if not he will make sure it gets done by the DPW. **President Hornbacher** suggested that we contact our webpage designer to see if he can set up online payment for Emerick Park sites. **Manager Dave Post** said that there will be a Planning Commission Training on January 11th, he is trying to get all Planning Commission members to sign up for the training, reservations must be in by December 16th.

Trustee Stephen Orlandi was not able to attend the Hillman Area Fire Board meeting, but John Burr from Hillman Township chaired the meeting for him. **President Hornbacher** attended the meeting and reported 11 runs for EMS, 58 for

last month, runs are down 100 for the year. The fire truck repair has been completed with a cost of \$10,000. There was no news about an Emergency Manager for the county, applications have been received.

Trustee Tom Bouchey reported a streetlight out at the top of the hill on State Street. **Manager Dave Post** that some lights were repaired by Hardies Electric.

Judy Nichols thanked the Council for the “slip pad” in the parking area at the Brush Creek Mill. The Mill is featuring their decorated trees again this year and there are 13 trees. There will be a Christmas Carol sing-along on Friday and on Friday, December 16th the Besser Chorus will perform. **Judy** asked when the repairs on the upper level of the mill can be completed. Mr. Charlie Arbour agreed to do the work, however, he has not been available. The Mill volunteers would like to be able to utilize this space and would like to know when the work will be done. **President Hornbacher** said that no one else was interested in doing the repair work. Mr. Arbour will be contacted to see if things have slowed down enough to do this job.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer