

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 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: Thomas Bouchey, Stephen Orlandi, Johnathon Smith. Absent: Velma Brown. Employees: Jan McMurray, Dave Post. Visitor: Yvonne Swagger, Tribune.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Hornbacher.

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023, Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2023, Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**There was a question about a purchase of cattle chop feed, it was determined it was used at the lagoons. A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36017 through 36055. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Dave Post** reported that Ted Fines (Habitat for Humanity) requested a letter of support for a Michigan State Housing Authority grant of \$500,000 for rehabilitation of homes. The letter needs to be submitted to him by June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Council gave approval for a letter of support. **Dave** went on to report that everything is set up for Emerick Park to begin taking reservations and credit card payments, the campground map looks great. The request for blight funds (grant) has been submitted, there was a lot of paperwork required for this application, but it was submitted on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The water plan for SRF funds was submitted by Huron Engineering, now the waiting begins for what funds the Village may be eligible for. CRTC (Combat Readiness Training Center) requested access to the airport to do some surveying, a schedule has been included in the agenda. A summary from ESRI on what the Village has of their services has also been enclosed in the agenda, this is the mapping/GIS system the Village uses. The Consumer Confidence Report Certification was sent out yesterday. Waiting on

some audit information before the Act 51 report can be done. The MML Liability and Property Pool board meeting will be held June 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> and Manager Dave Post stated he will be attending that and may take some vacation time that week. After reviewing a HELP Loan that is delinquent Manager Dave Post asked if the Council wanted to involve the Village Attorney in pursuing payment, the Council said yes.

**Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray** reported the millage rate for 2023 is set for 10.5 mils and requested that 2 delinquent water bills be put on the tax rolls. **A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the millage rate at 10.5 for 2023 tax year. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to put 2 delinquent water bills on the tax rolls. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Smith** reported that Memorial Day weekend was busy at Emerick Park. The grass is turning brown with no rain. There has been some issues at the Family Camp area with the electrical outlets not working. Chris Hardies has been called. Wi-Fi is another issue and Allband has been called about poor reception. September 1-3<sup>rd</sup> Park Manager Smith will be away on a weekend vacation, someone will need to cover the park.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported that the Hillman Fire Board met on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for their regular meeting and again on May 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss budgeting and employee pay. There is a new firefighter coming on the crew, the mutual aid agreement with Tri-Township has been renewed. The special meeting the board discussed the need to increase employee pay for EMT's and Paramedics to keep a crew together. Other departments are offering more pay, therefore they leave Hillman for better pay. The board agreed to up the pay \$5 more per hour beginning immediately. This will keep Hillman competitive and hopefully will not be a threat to losing the license.

**Manager Dave Post** reported that the DPW have been working on the lagoons. Kyle from Rural Water was in the office today and said that an inventory of service leads must be submitted by January 2025. This means that the leads will have to be dug up and identified what type they are, whether there is lead or copper, proof of what they are. A schedule will have to be made as there are about 40 leads involved. **Trustee Smith** said that there has not been any electric at site 23 for several weeks, Chris Hardies has been called. **Trustee Orlandi** asked if there were

any reports about a new turn lane on M-32 at the east-end of Veterans Memorial Highway. No one has been notified about when it will be done.

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer