

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 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. Trustees: Thomas Bouchey, Velma Brown, Stephen Orlandi, Johnathon Smith. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray and Brenda South. Visitors: Yvonne Swagger (Tribune), Deputy Nick Breed, Montmorency County Sheriff Department.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown, Smith. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36354 through . Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown, Smith. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Deputy Nick Breed did not have anything to report to the Council but several members complained about loud trucks and speeding vehicles. Deputy Breed said he would report these to the rest of the department and hopefully step-up patrol of the area. Clerk Brenda South gave the deputy a copy of a law discovered about removal of unruly people from public parks/campgrounds. PA 162 passed in 1990 gives the local law enforcement agency's the authority to remove or arrest anyone causing disturbances in public parks and campgrounds. The Deputy took the copy of the law and left the meeting. **Manager Dave Post** presented a sample ordinance from Ausable regarding campgrounds and a copy of the Village of Hillman's most current park ordinance (1995) for the Councils' review. It was suggested that the Council compare the ordinances and then have the Village attorney write a more thorough ordinance for the Park/Campground. **Trustee Smith** said he would like more clarification on ATV's and Golf Carts being driven in the park. Currently ATV's are not allowed but several campers have used golf carts. There was also a Rules and Regulations form enclosed in the agenda provided by the Village

attorney. This was suggested to be used for immediate removal of any camper causing a disturbance. It was suggested it be handed out upon registration of any camper and posted in the campground.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt Village of Hillman Emerick Park Campground “Notice of Request to Immediately Depart From the Campground”. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

**VILLAGE OF HILLMAN
EMPERICK PARK CAMPGROUND**

Notice of Request To Immediately Depart From The Campground

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Michigan Public Act 162 of 1990 (Michigan Compiled Laws section 554.651 et seq.) provides that: **“The operator of a campground may remove or cause to be removed from the campground, in the manner provided in this section, any occupant of the campground or guest of an occupant or other individual who, while on the premises of the campground, disturbs the peace and comfort of other occupants, who causes physical harm to the campground facilities, or who fails to pay rent at the rental rate agreed upon by the time agreed upon.”**

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Village of Hillman, as the operator of Emerick Park Campground, through the observations of its employee(s) or agent(s), has determined that you are required to immediately depart from Emerick Park Campground for the following reasons:

Date(s) of Violation(s): _____
Description of Violation(s): _____

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, according to Michigan Public Act 162 of 1990 (Michigan Compiled Laws sections 554.651 et seq.): **“An occupant who remains or attempts to remain in a campground after being requested to leave for the reasons and in the manner prescribed in this act is guilty of a**

misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both.”

ACCORDINGLY, you must immediately and peacefully depart from Emerick Park Campground. If you fail to do so, law enforcement personnel will be contacted, and a request for criminal prosecution will be made.

THE VILLAGE OF HILLMAN

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

By: (Print Name) _____

Position: _____

President Hornbacher reported that he had attended a meeting with the newly formed VJ Day committee, this group is working with the VFW to make some changes to the VJ Day activities, the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13th If any of the Council would like to attend. The next issue was the purchase of a new snow-plow for the 2009 Village truck. President Hornbacher was unable to reach DPW Supervisor John Burr by telephone to answer some questions regarding the plow and there was no other estimate for comparison, the issue was tabled for the moment. The next issue was appointment of a vacant seat on the Planning Commission. One letter of interest was received from Mr. Ronald Floer who expressed interest in serving on the Planning Commission Board.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Smith to appoint Mr. Ronald Floer to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission Board and finish out the term. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that he had received an e-mail from a company who is doing some work for Thunder Bay Power on the Hillman Dam. The company is requesting the zoning designation for the dam, after looking into this it was discovered that there is no zoning designation on this property. A letter was written explaining that the dam was put in long before zoning was in place. **Manager Dave Post** explained that he had talked to Denise Cline, the zoning consultant used by the Village, who explained that the property would remain unzoned if it is used for the same purposes before zoning went into place. Dave asked the Council to review the letter, his response, and wanted approval to send it.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Smith to approve the letter in response to the zoning status of the Hillman Dam. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post continued reporting that he had prepared an application for grant funding for Brownfield Development of the former Sports Center property. The grant is for 100% funding to do phase I & II.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Brown to allow Manager Dave Post to sign the application for a grant for Brownfield Development of the former Sports Center property. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that he has been working on the SAM sign-up, this is required for revenue sharing for federal funds, this process is very complicated but needed to receive funding. Dave will be taking a few days off for deer season next week. Currently Dave has been working on developing a housing authority or commission. It was discovered that the Village can contract with a developer to do the work without forming a commission or authority using the TIFA structure. The Village has been working with Habitat for Humanity and will continue to work with them on the property already purchased for homes. The development of Orchard Pines (phase II) is going to be very expensive.

Trustee Brown reported that the furnace at the terminal building is still in need of inspection and maintenance. Manager Dave Post said that he talked with DPW Supervisor John Burr, he believes he will be able to do the service/maintenance of the furnace. The runway lights/bulbs need replacing too, this should be done quickly.

Trustee Smith reported that he has been working at the park doing clean-up getting it ready to be closed for the winter.

President Hornbacher reported for the Hillman Fire/Ambulance Board meeting. The fire department did the safety days for the Hillman Elementary School, about 200 kids. Mutual Aid with the county on the MAVIS alarm system for state of emergency, no costs to the department, and crew can go to other states and get paid. The Canada Creek Ranch agreement was rejected by the board. The board passed an agreement with Cheboygan. The EMS passed the state inspection. The fire department had a request from the Writers Club to use their facility for their meetings, the board declined.

Trustee Orlandi reported that a streetlight on West Second Street near the intersection of Bedford Street is out and needs attention. **President Hornbacher** brought the snowplow purchase up again stating that time is running out and it is needed for this winter. The estimate submitted by DPW Supervisor John Burr was for “The Boss” for \$10,200, this includes installation. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Bouchey to purchase the “Boss” snowplow for the 2009 pickup truck, with installation for \$10,200. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Trustee Smith asked about an outstanding Help Loan, Manager Dave Post said he is waiting to hear back from the Village attorney.

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 7:55 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer