

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6 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: Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith, Tom Bouchey, and Steve Orlandi. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray and Brenda South, John Burr. Visitors: Ron Floer, Judy Nichols, Daryl Peterson.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Hornbacher.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2024 Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36975 through 37009. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that the work for identifying lead ins, vacuum dust, remove dirt and inspect saddles will cost \$29,925.00 and take about a week and a half to complete. The company (Dukes Root Control, Inc) will be available the 3rd week of September, it must be completed in October. The Council stated that with time so short there isn't any time to shop around. **A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to hire Duke's Root Control, Inc. to do the lead-in audit for the cost of \$29,925. All in favor. Motion carried.**

John Burr, DPW Supervisor got a quote for a "Ditch Witch" to locate lines, Team Elmers has one he was using but they need it now, so we need to purchase one. **President Hornbacher** said that the Premier G3 Locator is a more user-friendly piece of equipment. **A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to purchase a locator not to exceed \$5300. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Manager Dave Post referred the Council to the invitation from Habitat to their dinner in September, he asked if anyone would like to attend with him. The MSHDA Grant for \$50,000 has been submitted. The work on the old Sports Center at 300 State Street will begin on Monday, August 26th and completed by the

30th. The Emerick Park Playground improvement has begun, paving should be completed this week. Dave stated that he put in a request to Team Elmers for an estimate on lining the culverts on 2nd and 3rd streets but has not gotten a response. The water grant will pay for the Village to drill test wells, that may begin by the end of the month. The State Land Bank Grant is almost completed. A resident called this week to ask why there were large rocks blocking the bike paths. She was told that cars and trucks had been driving on the bike paths, she asked if they would be removed during the winter, her husband plows the paths during the winter. The bike paths were not designed for motorized vehicles and some people who walk have been forced off the paths by motorized vehicles. There was no decision as to whether the rocks will be removed before winter. **Manager Dave Post** reported talking with Nico Tucker from NEMCOG about the Village Rec Plan Survey, could leave copies at the library, have a drop box at the radio station and put on the village website as interactive and also use the water bill drop box for surveys. The Village office received a call regarding short term rentals or Airbnb's, if they are allowed. There isn't anything listed in the zoning ordinance, according to the village attorney, if it isn't spelled out in the zoning ordinance it would not be allowed. It was suggested doing an ordinance to address this, the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South reported to the Council that the Village is now required to make all taxes available to the public. BS&A tax software for the Village sent a contract to assist in making the village compliant with the state treasury. This will require purchasing a new desk top computer, monitor, and transferring files over, contracting with BS&A for the tax availability service. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to sign the contract with BS&A for tax availability and compliancy with the State of Michigan and to purchase a new desk-top, monitor, and for IT labor for transferring the files. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Trustee Brown reported that all runway lights at the airport except for about 5 have been repaired at the airport. Aero Pines Club still has not cut their trees that have been tagged for blocking the runway vision. The grass will need to be mowed in a week or so. There was a question as to whether there was an agreement with the DNR for any funding, there are not agreements with the DNR they use the airport for free.

Manager Dave Post said that the owner of the new bakery being planned for spring 2025 has made a few changes in her plan, however, they are less than 25% of the original plan so there is no need for a new site plan review.

President Hornbacher reported that the Hillman EMS and Fire reported 7 fire runs last month, the department is waiting for a title before purchasing a tanker from the Hubbard Lake Fire Department. Two new extraction tools were purchased by the Association for the department at a cost of \$32,000. Unit 316 needs a new head gasket, unit 313 had a check engine light on but it has been fixed, EMS reported 63 runs for the month. The work roster is being reviewed and any person who has not taken a run within the year is being removed. The Canada Creek Mutual Aid agreement is up for renewal.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the clock is working, some bridge lights are working and some are not. The issue of the housing of chickens in the Village was brought up since Trustee Orlandi had fielded a complaint about his bosses' neighbor who currently has chickens and a rooster. The letter has been written but has not been mailed due to some domestic violence in the home.

Judy Nichols reported that some of the Brush Creek Mill board and Village Manager and President had met to discuss some long-range planning, it went well. **President Hornbacher** stated that the mill board had requested electrical upgrades for the mill at a cost of approximately \$1200. The mill is frequently rented out for parties and events where electrical appliances, crockpots, roasters are used. The breakers keep turning off causing problems. After some thought the decision was made that since the mill was not built for these events, the electric was adequate for a museum. It was decided that if they were using the building for a banquet hall rather than the museum it was intended for they should pay for the upgrades. The DPW is going to help install the lights on the mill this fall after the new roof is on. Waiting on bids for the new roof, hopefully by the next meeting there will be bids in.

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 6:55 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer