

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI 49746. Present: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustee: Thomas Bouchey, Velma Brown, Steve Orlandi. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, John Burr and Ann Williams. Visitors: Ron Floer, Judy Nichols, Jonathan Smith and Sargeant Nedo of Montmorency County Sherriff Office.

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 Steve Orlandi and supported by Trustee Velma Brown to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: Orlandi, Brown and Bouchey. Nays: Zero. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tom Bouchey and supported by Trustee Velma Brown to approve the minutes with the following correction on page 1, "Oath of office was administered to Trustee Velma Brown by President Hornbacher", instead of "Present Hornbacher." Yeas: Orlandi, Brown and Bouchey. Nays: Zero. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to pay the bills including the additional bills with checks numbered 37239 through 37260. Yeas: Orlandi, Brown and Bouchey. Nays: Zero. Motion carried.

Sargeant Nedo had nothing to report. Trustee Brown asked for the Department to "make their presence known" on Pleasant Valley Road before Elizabeth Street as vehicles travel at 60 mph in a 25-mph zone. Sargeant Nedo assured the council he would send emails to the department to apprise them of the continued issue.

John Burr explained the proposal of the fix to the drainage problem on Veterans Memorial Highway and Maple Street. The 4-inch water pipe needs to be replaced by an 8-inch pipe and has been complicated by the placement of utility mechanics in the area along with the county filling the drainage system with asphalt. An engineer would have to be included in the project. President Hornbacher wants to know the cost of project. John explained he will get estimates from 6-8 contractors and keep the Council apprised.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to table Ordinance 2024-06 and Ordinance 2024-07 until the next meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Brown and Bouchey. Nays: Zero. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that the SAM (Systems Awards Management) number has been submitted. He notified Omega at Eli's Market they must meet MDOT requirements. Pine Street Ordinances will be addressed at the next meeting. The NEMCOG agreement is covered by grant monies which will address zoning to make housing more friendly. The grant and agreement allow time for project completion from December 2024 through August of 2026. **A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to contract with NEMCOG to update the Master Plan and have President Hornbacher sign contract zoning plan. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Manager Dave Post also reported that he has received an email from MD7, the company who is asking the Village to take a cut in lease monies for the AT&T lease at the water tower. He has a meeting in Midland on Thursday, December 5th and will be out of the office. Still waiting on the phone conversions in the Village Office. ATT&T First Net will be here Friday, December 6th. The Village Office received a letter from Alpena Area Agency on Aging. They have individuals over age 55 that are seeking employment for 20 hours a week and they will pay minimum wage. Previous hires from this Agency had medical and/or physical limitations. Consensus was that this is something to consider for the DPW.

Trustee Brown reported that she has still been unable to contact Mark Melligen.

Manager Dave Post reported that the zoning department had two zoning permits submitted, one for the sign at Eli's and second for Lydia Walker house behind the golf course.

Trustee Brown reported that the Fire/Ambulance has been busy this month and gave stats on all runs for both ambulance and fire. They have new windows and a new door for the fire hall. President Hornbacher remarked that the new truck is working well.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the light out across from Eli's is still out and there are some wreaths that are out. The patch on the bridge looks good. **John Burr** stated there are 4 wreaths out and the GFI's are junk. He needs to reconnect and make waterproof. Light is also out on Second Street. The mill wants an outside tree decorated. He is working on how to accomplish the task.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi that the seat of Jonathan Smith vacant as of December 3, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi that the Council appoint Jonathan Smith to the vacated Council seat because he won the popular vote in the election of November 5, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Burr reported that Becky is working on test holes, and they can start drilling first of the year. **Manager Post** reported that he made the State aware of our displeasure of cooperation with other communities because of our rural and remote area.

Judy Nichols reported that Saturday, December 7th is the Children's Party with Santa at Brush Creek Mill. They usually have 200 children come through. Tree lighting is December 19, 2024.

Under old business, **Manager Post** reported that the tree near Sharon Young's property has been basically surveyed. Discussion ensued saying that the tree is blocked by fences and the tree was trimmed by church members several years ago, but has regrown. John Burr suggested they could back boom a truck in there to get to the tree. President Hornbacher said he will visually evaluate and table until next meeting.

John Burr stated there is a dead tree next to the storage building in Emerick Park. It is quite large, 80-100 feet tall and the base is 3-4 feet wide. The consensus was that we will down trees again this year.

A motion was made by Trustee Jonathan Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher President

Ann Williams Clerk/Treasurer

Village of Hillman Managers Report – Dec 17, 2024

1. The Village received a zoning request for a sign on the old hardware downtown. The sign is for Sandy's Scoops.
2. The Village cell phones and office phones have been switched to the FirstNet plan. This will save the Village \$3,354 on cell phones per year. We don't have a figure for the office phones yet.
3. Please don't forget the Council needs to address the ordinances for the sale of property.
4. The Blight Grant monies have been received. We are currently waiting on the DNR monies. That may take a while.
5. For your info: The Village has had 11 zoning permits this year and we are currently on the third Metro Act right-of-way permit request.
6. A letter has been sent to TB Resort concerning their loan with the Village. Further, I did talk to Haq Chadery about their equipment loan. They would like to liquidate everything.

Dave Post, Village Manager Have a good weekend.