

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 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. Trustee Absent: Jonathan Smith. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, Ann Williams. Visitors: Ron Floer, Judy Nichols.

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

**A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the minutes with the following corrections: on Page 2, paragraph 4, it should read "Trustee Brown reported that she has been in contact with Mark Melligen." Instead of, "has still been unable to contact Mark Melligen." And on Page 2, paragraph 6, it should read, "They are looking at getting new windows and doors." Instead of, "They have new windows and doors". All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills including the additional bills with check numbers 37261 to 37303. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Bouchey to increase the Budget for Park Managers salary by \$8,000 and an increase of Social Security by \$680 due to increase of salary. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to increase the budget for the Passport Grant playground project by \$27,000 above the awarded grant. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Dave Post** reported that the Industrial Park sign is outdated. Included in the agenda packet was the Estimate for the Omega Sign company to replace. And they would make the sign with replaceable letters on the bottom to accommodate business coming and going. **Jan McMurray** reported that the Township of Hillman would share half the cost of the sign if we include *Tiger Paw Park* on the sign and cost would have to be added to the Budget.

**Manager Post** reported that the letter from Garry Boldrey regarding the parcels on Pine Street gave an Assessed Value which is significantly less than the Market Value. He tried to contact Mr. Boldrey during the meeting but was unsuccessful. **President Hornbacher made a motion supported by Trustee Orlandi to table Ordinance 2024-06 and 2024-07. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Post** reported that the Franchise Agreement with Sunrise has been transferred to Spectrum. We need to sign an Acknowledgment of franchise with Spectrum. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Brown to sign franchise agreement acknowledgement with spectrum. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Post** reported that we received a zoning request from Sandy's Scoops at the former hardware store. The switch on phones from Frontier to First Net is now complete. Savings on just the cell phones will be \$3,354 in a year. We do not have a figure for the office phones quite yet. The \$78,000 Blight Grant monies has been received. We are still waiting for the DNR monies for the playground equipment. The Village has had 11 zoning permits this year and we are currently on the third Metro Act right-of-way permit request. A letter has been sent concerning a HELP Loan Account that is in arrears. Insurance rates will increase for Dave Post and Kasey Burr. Reminder that on January 1<sup>st</sup> there should be an official increase in wages. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjust Manager Dave Post's salary from \$22,400 to \$23,400 a year. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Post** reported that he sent an email to Liz Morre and asked her to reference the State Law regarding trees blocking an airport and zoning. He went to the Chamber Meeting and the new officers are President Brian Bartosh, Vice President Jim Paczkowski and Treasurer/Secretary Barb Durlinger. The next big events on their agenda are the Easter Egg Hunt and Blessing of the Bikes. The Recreation Survey will be left open until after New Years.

**Trustee Brown** reported that 5 lights need to be fixed at the airport.

**Manager Post** reported that Mike Wilson is still working on insulating the workshop and that he does have a couple of picnic tables in there in preparation for painting. Lydia Walker applied for a zoning permit for a house on East Riverside Drive.



**Trustee Orlandi** reported that the light in front of Eli's has been fixed. Light by Huntington Bank is out. There have been several requests that wreaths be put on each pole.

**President Hornbacher** reported that he and John Burr inspected streets, and he had a street map showing repairs. Blue indicated streets that needed to be fixed now, and green was okay. Repairs could be chip coat or asphalt. The County could chip for half price. The streets will be measured by GIS Mileage, and we can then obtain an estimate of cost from the County to put in our budget.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported that when John Burr uses the bucket truck to cut down the high branches of the tree in the alleyway near Sharon Young's home, his church would do clean-up of said tree. Consensus was to do in the spring.

**Manager Post** reported that the Water Inspection report was in the office. He will be sending an email to the Council including the said report.

**Judy Nichols** reported that repairs need to be completed on the sidewalk to the Mill. Because of snowplowing, the orange bumpy safeguard on the sidewalk has risen up. Brush Creek is having an important meeting on January 13, 2025, and she is requesting Council Members to attend because of partnership. They would welcome any input.

**President Hornbacher made a motion and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

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Dave Hornbacher President

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Ann Williams Clerk/Treasurer