

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday on February 5, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24200 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI 49746. Present: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustee: Thomas Bouchey, Steve Orlandi Jonathan Smith and Velma Brown. Absent: None. Clerk: Ann Williams Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray and Mike Wilson. Visitors: Ron Floer, Judy Nichols and Jan Weaver.

The meeting was called to order by President Hornbacher at 6 p.m. Pledge of allegiance was already conducted at the Truth-in-Taxation meeting.

**Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to approve the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 37369-37392. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher** addressed the Council about the wage increase for Manager Dave Post. **Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to increase the wages for Dave Post including the retroactive amount of \$610.80. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher** apprised the Council our chicken policy must be aligned with our Zoning Ordinances which will be the smoothest transition, and they would table the Chicken Policy until the next meeting.

**Manager Post** reported that the Annual Planning Commission Report was included in the Council Agenda Packet. There is the possibility of receiving more grant money due to the closure of the Hillman Power Plant. He will have to write a letter to the Census Bureau to obtain the cost of doing a Mid-Term Census. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with the letter and find out the cost. The Village will likely need new labor law posters. EGLE finally approved test wells. Huron Engineering is lining that up. The Budget was reviewed prior to this meeting. He has decided not to attend the MML Legislative Conference in March, but he does have an MML Liability and Property Pool meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. He is also looking forward to attending a conference in Florida in May. He will

start the Consumer Confidence Report soon. Water samples were not submitted on time and overlooked in November. Melissa Chambers from NEMCOG attended our Planning commission meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025. She went over the sample survey questions we will need for the Master Plan and suggested a joint meeting with Hillman Township because the Survey results are ready for the Recreation Plan.

**Trustee Bown** reported that any notifications about the airport closing would come from herself, Dave Post, Dave Hornbacher or Mark Mellinger. There was a plane that landed there and was asking if we had hangers to rent. **Manager Post** added that he has not heard from the State about the laws regarding the trees blocking the runways.

**Manager Post** added there haven't been any new zoning permit applications.

**Mike Wilson** reported that he has been working on picnic tables and on cold days he works on regrouting the tiles in the shower areas at the park.

**Trustee Brown** reported that the Ambulance Department had 24 runs, and Fire had responded to 6 vehicle accidents. They have switched their phone service to FirstNet to save money. The Fire Department got a pumper tanker to replace an old one.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported that the lights were fixed by Eli's and the Huntington Bank. There is a light not working by the park entrance. DPW have been doing a good job at snow removal on the streets.

**Manager Post** reported that the Council will need to pass the 80/20 Health Insurance at the next meeting.

**Judy Nichols** reported that there were 25 people at the Brush Creek Mill Meeting and thanked the Council for their representation. She introduced Jan Weaver who was with her, and they presented a "Needs List" for the proposed Budget.

**President Hornbacher** assured them it would be addressed at the next budget meeting in 2 weeks. Standard Heating and Plumbing will come and do an inspection of the furnace. He directed the Council to return at 5:30 p.m. at the next meeting to accommodate the Budget meeting.

**Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.**

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Dave Hornbacher  
President

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Ann Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer