

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 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. Trustees: 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 Budget Meeting.

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

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

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 37393 through 37432. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post read Resolution 2025-02 To Adopt Hard Cap Employer/Employee Health Care Cost Option as set for in 2011 Public ACT 152, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. **Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to adopt Resolution 2025-02. Roll Call Vote ensued: Hornbacher, Aye. Brown, Aye. Orlandi, Aye. Bouchey, Aye. Smith, Aye. Nays: Zero. Motion carried.**

Manager Post advised the Council to look over the Proposal from Everest that was included in the packet.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to make the following proposed budget amendments:

- 1. To increase expense by \$2350 in the Clerk's Salary account to cover training of new clerk**
- 2. To increase Building and Grounds Miscellaneous Expense by \$6000 to cover unexpected expenditures**
- 3. To increase Street Lighting account by \$3500 due to increase of electric rates**

4. To increase Park Repairs and Maintenance account by \$10,000 to cover necessary improvements
5. To increase Park Miscellaneous Expense by \$5000 to cover phone, credit card fees, and porta john charges. These increases will be covered by cash reserves from the General Fund.
6. To increase Sewer Repairs and Maintenance by \$18,000 due to expenses incurred for the golf course lift station and relocating the sewer line in Orchard Pines Subdivision. This amount will be covered by the cash reserves in the Sewer Department.
7. To increase Water Engineering Consultant by \$22,000 due to water grant. Most of this will be covered by grant reimbursement.
8. To increase Water Repairs and Maintenance by \$25,000 due to well cleanings and the lead project. This will be covered by cash reserves from Water Fund.

All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher apprised the Council that discussion concerning alley expense repairs between Maple Street and Veterans Memorial Highway will be tabled until the next meeting.

Manager Post reported that he has a NEMCOG meeting on Thursday and an MML Meeting on March 6. A SC-900 Form must be completed and submitted before a mid-term Census can be done. State of Michigan Treasury will match the EDA Grant that NEMCOG is writing on behalf of the Village of Hillman for \$30,000. The Village would have to pay any invoices and then get reimbursed. Interviews will be conducted tomorrow to fill the position of bookkeeper. He has talked with John Burr about a joint meeting between the Planning Commission and Hillman Township to go over the results of the Recreation Plan on April 16, 2025. No final decision yet.

President Hornbacher advised the estimate for the tree removal by Trapper in Emerick Park was \$1100 with no cleanup or removal of debris. Wood would be given away. He advised Mike Wilson to find recipients for the wood.

Employee Mike Wilson reported that the most cost-effective fencing for the pickleball court is 6-foot chain link.

Trustee Orlandi stated that DPW has been doing a very good job with the removal of snow from this last big storm.

Manager Post is sending a letter to Becky to receive criteria for State Revolving Fund. He is sending a letter to EGLE regarding late samples of water. He is still awaiting word on the status of test wells.

Jan Weaver reported that Brush Creek Mill is reorganizing because they have a new director and will reopen April 1, 2025. **Judy Nichols** addressed the Council and thanked them for their consideration of their building needs and adopting the building repairs into the Budget for next year.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher
President

Ann Williams
Clerk/Treasurer