

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in special session on Friday, April 4, 2025, at 3 p.m. in the east-end conference room of the Hilman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI 49746. Present: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustees: Steve Orlandi, Tom Bouchey, Jonathan Smith and Velma Brown. Absent: None. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray and John Burr. Clerk: Ann Williams. No visitors were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Hornbacher with the pledge of allegiance at 3 p.m.

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

Trustee Steve Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Tom Bouchey to approve the minutes of March 18, 2025, as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

DPW Manager John Burr reported that they have been working in the park. They have taken 8 loads of brush out so far and there is still lots of ice storm clean-up to finish. He suggested village residents put brush on curb and the Village can pick up.

Manager Dave Post read Resolution 2025-05 Budget Adoption Resolution and Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

**Resolution 2025-05
BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION AND APPROPRIATIONS ACT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

WHEREAS, Budget documents were prepared by the Budget Committee consisting of President Dave Hornbacher, Clerk-Treasurer Ann Williams, Councilpersons Stephen Orlandi, Johnathon Smith, Tom Bouchey, Velma Brown, Village Manager Dave Post, and Secretary-Bookkeeper Jan McMurray covering the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS this budget document has been placed on file in the office of the Village of Hillman and made available for public examination, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March 18, 2025, and duly advertised on March 12th in the Montmorency County Tribune to receive input from the citizens of the Village of Hillman as required by the laws of the State of Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget titled “Annual Budget-Fiscal Year 2025-2026” of the Village of Hillman for the fiscal year April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026 be adopted by activity within each fund, and the Village of Hillman Council is hereby authorized to make expenditures provided for in said budget provided such expenditures are made according to the General Law Village Charter.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the final budget document is herein approved, adopted, appropriated, and placed on file in the office of the Village of Hillman and is made a permanent record of the Village of Hillman and that it is made a part of this resolution by reference.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that to defray the cost of general operating expenditures contained in said document that the estimated sum of \$175,000 based on the millage rate of 10.5 shall be raised by the Village of Hillman, Hillman, Michigan by taxation for the fiscal period of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, inclusive, in accordance with the General Law Village Charter and the law of the State of Michigan relative to the taxation and real and personal property.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be and are hereby authorized for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025:

General Fund	\$ 530,935
Major Streets	\$ 219,300
Local Streets	\$ 181,700
HELP	\$ 9,772
Bond Debt	\$ 61,781
Airport	\$ 14,500
Sewer Department	\$ 96,500
Water Department	\$ 220,410
Heavy Equipment Pool	<u>\$ 42,500</u>
	\$ 1,377,398

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to adopt Resolution 2025-05 Budget Adoption Resolution and Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith and Brown
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Ann Williams
Village Clerk

Manager Post read Resolution 2025-06 Resolution for Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer. **President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to adopt Resolution 2025-06 Resolution for Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer. All in favor. Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND TREASURER 2025-06

Whereas the Village of Hillman Council appoints a clerk and treasurer every two years and assistant clerk and treasurer after the November election every presidential year and mid-term election, and

Whereas this will be a two-year appointment.

Therefore, be it resolved that Emma Niswonger, shall be assistant clerk and treasurer from April 1, 2025, until November 20, 2026, replacing Brenda South.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Hillman Village Council the 4th day of April 2025.

Its: Clerk Ann Williams Village of hillman

Date:

Manager Post read Resolution 2025-07 Automated Clearing House & Electronic Transaction Resolution 2025-07. **Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to adopt Resolution 2025-07 Automated Clearing House & Electronic Transaction. All in favor. Motion carried.**

AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE & ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION
RESOLUTION 2025-07

WHEREAS the Village of Hillman adopted the Automated Clearing House (ACH) and Electronic Transaction Policy on October 1, 2019, that states THE TREASURER or ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION OFFICER (ETO) shall be responsible for all ACHs and ETOs, and

WHEREAS, the Hillman Village Council would have to designate the Treasurer and ETO officers per the ACH and ETO policy adopted October 1, 2019,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Hillman Village Council designates Treasurer Ann L. Williams, Assistant Treasurer Emma Niswonger and Assistant Treasurer Jan McMurray as the ACH and ETO officers for the Village of Hillman for their current terms.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Hillman Village Council the 4th day of April 2025.

Its: Clerk Ann Williams Village of Hillman

Date:

Manager Post read Resolution 2025-08 Village of Hillman Receipting Personnel Designation. **President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to adopt Resolution 2025-08 Village of Hillman Receipting Personnel Designation with the correction of adding Jan McMurray along with Emma Niswonger. All in favor. Motion carried.**

VILLAGE OF HILLMAN RECEIPTING PERSONNEL DESIGNATION 2025-08

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman has appointed a Clerk/Treasurer and assistant Clerk/Treasurer, and they are required to be the designated officers to receipt all transaction and monies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ann L Williams, Clerk/Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Jan McMurray and Emma Niswonger be the appointed officers to receipt all transaction and monies effective for the period of their appointment.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Hillman Village Council the 4th day of April 2025.

Its: Clerk Ann Williams Village of Hillman

Date:

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve and pay the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 37493 to 37525 and with the correction of \$1063 instead of \$5200 in wages to employee Mike Wilson. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to remove Brenda South as a signer on the Community Financial Credit Union Accounts. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to add Ann Williams and Emma Niswonger as a signer on the Community Financial Credit Union Accounts. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to accept the \$25,500 estimate from Elmer's for the installation of culvert on 2nd Street. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council discussed the Estimate from Elmer's for the alleyway construction between Maple Street and Veterans Memorial Highway. **Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to accept the \$39,400 estimate from Elmer's for the alleyway construction between Maple Street and Veterans Memorial Highway with a contingency of \$5,600 not to exceed total cost of \$45,000. All in favor. Motion carried.**

President Hornbacher reported that due to the power outages caused by the unprecedented ice storm, the deputies have been doing wellness checks and have been to every home in the village. Hot meals and food have been served at the Senior Center. Thousands of pounds of food have been donated, so much so that food has been turned away. The Senior Center is averaging 150 meals a day. Salvation Army and Red Cross have supplied food and toiletries. The warming center will continue until all power is back on. Over 2000 electric poles were broken. All roads are now open.

Manager Post informed the Council they need to set an interest rate for the mortgage of the Pine Street property purchases of Habitat for Humanity. **President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to set a 4.25% mortgage interest rate for the sale of the Pine Street properties. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Manager Post reported that he is currently working on the CCR (Consumer Confidence Report). He asked how quickly the Council would like to see replacement of the furnace at Brush Creek Mill. Consensus of the Council was to go ahead and call Standard Heating and get the Mill on their work schedule. He addressed murals in town and the email he had received that had contact information for the companies that did murals in Alpena. The Council all believed this was a good idea and asked Dave to contact them and get more information.

Clerk Williams asked if the Council would like to donate and be a sponsor of VJ Day. **President Hornbacher** informed the Clerk we give to the fireworks display.

Jan McMurray asked the Council would they consider paying employees wages for time loss while we had no power and electricity. Consensus of Council was yes; they would pay employees for lost time.

Trustee Brown reported everything at the airport is doing well. They have a portable heater to prevent any freezing.

President Hornbacher reported that the streetlight and pocket parks were lit from generators during the power outage.

Trustee Orlandi reported there is water over the road on Second Street.

President Hornbacher reported that Brush Creek Mill has appreciated all we have done for them.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by **Trustee Bouchey** to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher President

Ann Williams Clerk