

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 242200 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI 49746. Present: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustees: Jonathan Smith, Tom Bouchey, Steve Orlandi and Velma Brown. Absent: None. Employees: Manager Dave Post, Emma Niswonger, Mike Wilson and John Burr. Visitors: Mickey McIntire, Yvonne Swagger, Jan McMurray, Judy Nichols and Sargent Breed from Montmorency County Sheriff Department. Clerk: Ann Williams.

President Hornbacher opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to pay the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 38094 through 38126. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mickey McIntire addressed the Council by informing them that the bike and walkable paths on the east side of the Community Center were not plowed and asked if the Council would send DPW to plow them. **President Hornbacher** stated that if the workers in DPW Department had time they would plow, but it would not be a priority.

Manager Post reported that he will be out of the office December 4th and 5th. FEMA grants should be good to go. He reported that Becky with Huron Engineering has put in for grants for GIS (Geographical Information System) and sewer/water. The Village has advertised the Buick for sale and has not received any bids thus far. He reported the next few months will be busy as we will be collecting bids and planning for the Category B Grants for the roads and the CDBG (Community Development Building Grant) for the water well drilling. He also reported that he has contacted the owners of the property at Hillman Power to at least level the yard or perhaps do some landscaping.

Sargent Breed asked if there were any concerns the Sheriff Department should be aware of in the Village. **John Burr** mentioned that after the weekend snowstorm

there were a couple of snowmobilers riding on the sidewalks through the Village, which compacts the snow and makes it difficult to remove. **Sargent Breed** said he would look into this and notify the Department.

Emma reported that she had emailed Budget Comparison Sheets and Jan McMurray would be helping her with amendments soon. Direct Deposit went well and was a success.

Ann reported that there is a meeting Wednesday, December 3rd at the Community Center for Community Emergency VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster).

Emma reported that Eli's Marketplace paid for their zoning permit.

Mike Wilson reported that he is working on closing the Park for winter. The Park is transitioning computer software to *Let's Camp*. He needs the 2026 camp rates by January because that's when reservations begin for the 2026 year. He will compile a proposed list of budget considerations for the park including campsite improvements and signage.

President Hornbacher reported there were 3 runs for Fire Department and 44 runs for EMS in November. They hired an EMT and are looking at hiring another paramedic.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the pocket park near Emerick Park is dark and the lights are out.

Judy Nichols reported that Santa Claus will be at Brush Creek Mill on December 6th. Memorial bulbs are for sale until December 18th when the memorials will be read at the Christmas Sing. The donated trees have made the Mill beautiful and encourage us to vote on the best tree. After the holidays, the Mill will be closed from January through April. The Mathias memorial tree has been planted and there will be a service in the spring dedicating it.

President Hornbacher called **John Burr** to the front of the room and presented him with a plaque to commemorate his 50 years of service with the Village of Hillman and a plaque that will dedicate the pocket park near the Post Office to be in his name.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Ann Williams, Clerk