

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Monday, December 15, 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. Trustee: Steve Orlandi, Tom Bouchey, Jonathan Smith and Velma Brown. Absent: None. Employees: Dave Post, Emma Niswonger and Mike Wilson. Visitors: Judy Nichols, Jason MacArthur with PIE&G Connect and Andrew Vought with B&M Ashman. Clerk: Ann Williams.

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

**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. 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 38129-38154. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher** addressed wages for Manager Dave Post. He proposed to increase his gross pay to \$1675.22 every two weeks. This will bring him back to full-time pay. He also proposed the wages for Emma Niswonger and Ann Williams be increased by \$1.00 per hour. The State is increasing minimum wage so anyone at minimum wage will increase to \$13.73 per hour. **Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to increase Dave Post's gross salary to \$1675.22 every two weeks. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to raise minimum wage to \$13.73 per hour. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to increase Emma and Ann's wages by \$1.00 per hour. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher** reported there were 2 bids for the 2005 Buick Rendezvous. \$505 from Daniel Marquardt and \$762.28 from John Burr. **Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to accept John Burr's bid of \$762.28 for the sale of 2005 Buick Rendezvous. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Dave** reported that he sent a letter to the Council regarding the culvert on Elizabeth Street. He asked the council to review. The budget will need to be amended to accommodate raises. He also stated that a report from DPW was enclosed that specified that DPW did plow the sidewalks on Third Street. He reported that he has been working on the System for Award Management registration. The school board meeting was canceled so some of the paperwork for the wells will be pushed back. The County sent a materials management survey. The Village has until February 28, 2026, to do the survey. He reported that property appraisals were sent from MML Liability & Property Pool. Some of the buildings and property went up substantially. The report was in their packets. Also enclosed in the packet was a letter from Aeronautics. He needs guidance on the next plan of action. He did write a letter asking for an extension on the license of the airport. We have been unable to contact the owners of the south and north end of the airport to grant permission to cut trees blocking the runway. The decision of the Council was yes, send the letter asking for an extension.

**Emma** reported that she will be doing a data transfer with BS&A to upgrade to their software and the whole process should be completed by May.

**Ann** reported that last week she completed a BS&A data extraction in order to upgrade the tax program to the Cloud.

**Trustee Brown** reported that Kasey has been plowing snow at the airport. Can we charge customers at the airport a monthly fee of \$100 instead of \$500 yearly for those who are storing items other than airplanes in their hangars? That question will be addressed with the Attorney.

**Mike Willson** recommended that we keep the Park rates the same for next year. We are at or just below our competitor's rates. Let's Camp computer software is ready for January 1<sup>st</sup> go live. He would still like to get photo of each campsite with a description to add to the website. Perhaps that can be done once the gravel has been completed. He is still doing work this winter at the Park.

**Manager Post** reported there are new chapters in the Zoning Ordinance. He has not issued the zoning permit for Eli's Marketplace yet.

**Trustee Brown** reported that fire and ambulance will be seeking higher millage at the 2026 election.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported that all the lights/streets are good.

**Trustee Smith** reported that the school board meeting was cancelled so there is no update on the easements.

**Judy Nichols** reported that Brush Creek Mill will host the Community Sing on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at which time the memorial/honorary bulb names will be read, and the winner of the best Christmas tree will be announced. The Mill be closed after the holidays until April.

**Jason MacArthur and Andrew Vought** addressed the Council stating that PIE&G will be laying underground line for internet in the Village on Second Street crossing Main Street and down for one block. They were advised to present their plans to the Village during regular business hours.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Ann Williams, Clerk