

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI 49746. Present Trustees: Velma Brown, Steve Orlandi, Jonathan Smith. Absent: President Dave Hornbacher and Trustee Tom Bouchey. Employees: Manager Dave Post, Emma Niswonger and John Burr. Visitors: Ron Floer, Jim Stoddard and Yvonne Swagger. Clerk: Ann Williams.

President Pro Tempore Smith opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 6:01 p.m.

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

Trustee Brown 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 Brown to pay the bills including the add-ons with check numbers 38227-38247. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Post went over the cost estimate for the construction of wells. It is \$110,775.00 over budget. Discussion ensued over line items and what to do. The Council made a final decision to wait to dig Well #7 until next year and not budget the overage into the new fiscal year budget.

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to accept the Extension of the Residential Trash Removal Contract Between the Village of Hillman and PAC Sanitation for March 28, 2026, through March 27, 2028. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Post reported that the Frontier bill started out at \$495.00 a month for phone service to the wells. The bill increased to over \$700 and then increased again to \$1,491.65 a month. He called them and they are willing to drop the fees down to \$495.14 if we sign a one-year contract with them. The Council gave him permission to sign the year contract with Frontier.

Dave Post reported that the quarterly report required for the MSHDA grant has been submitted. We should receive FEMA money in 4-6 weeks. To answer a question from the last meeting, the 35-cent additional amount on garbage from

2025-2026 fiscal year was a round up, so the water/sewer/garbage bill would be an even amount and a small admin fee.

Dave asked the Council to review the owner affidavit on the new campsites. He reported that if it was approved he would send it to close out the Emerick Park campsite expansion. The Council agreed to close it out. Dave reports that there is not an official plaque to commemorate the DNR money received for Pineview Park. The Council agreed to have him order one. Dave reported that he believes Aeronautics will extend our temporary license. He advised Scada radios would cost around \$20,000 that the village would pay for and use in lieu of the Frontier telephone lines.

Emma advised that the month end reporting for January will be ready at the next meeting. She also reported that the software change to BS&A will change the process how we process payments, receipting and reporting. Some changes will need to be approved, and some the Council will need to be aware of. She agreed to have a presentation of a list of changes for the next meeting.

Trustee Brown reported that Mark would like a building, lean to or carport to store the tractor. She had a quote from BMI Buildings. **Jim Stoddard** handed out pamphlets and advised the Council on the process to get a quote from American Steel.

Trustee Orlandi reported that lights on part of the bridge and the pocket park by Emerick Park are still out.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Ann Williams, Clerk