

The Council for the Village of Hillman met for regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 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: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustees: Velma Brown, Jonathan Smith, Tom Bouchey. Absent: Steve Orlandi. Employees: Dave Post, Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Ron Floer, Katie Wolf with Habitat for Humanity.

President Dave Hornbacher opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to approve of the agenda with the following addition: to add Katie Wolf as item 4 on the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to approve of the minutes of February 3, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 38248 - 38308. All in favor. Motion carried.

Katie Wolf with Habitat for Humanity gave an updated report on the MSHDA Grant for the housing development. They will need to resubmit the grant and run a public hearing and send a new LOI (letter of intent). The deadline for the LOI is March 4, 2026. She would like to have the LOI this week.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to have Dave Post sign the LOI for the housing grant. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Post reported that the affidavit for Emerick Park has been sent to EGLE. A letter was also sent addressing the group site because we consider it one group site, but they consider it three because three campers can be on it at a time. Dave asked the Council if they were satisfied with Annual Planning Commission Report. If so, he would post it to the website. They were in agreement it was satisfactory.

The five-year inspection of the Brush Creek Dam needs to be completed by the end of 2026. He reported that EGLE did it last time for free. He will inquire with them and if they can't do it, he will contact Becky at Huron Engineering.

Dave will talk to the Community Foundation about possible grants for murals on the buildings downtown. The grants wouldn't be available until summer. He would like a plan before we apply for a grant.

Dave will be taking February 27th and March 27th through the second week of April for vacation time.

Emma went over proposed changes with BS& A software. The Council agreed for the office to utilize Receipting through the Cash Receipts program that will eliminate manually writing the receipts once up and running.

Utility customers will be able to pay online with BS&A and we can eliminate PayGov. The Council agreed to this and purchasing a card reader for the office with a one-time purchase and no additional costs.

The Council also approved of purchasing a tablet for DPW to use to enter water meter readings. And the Council also agreed to utilize the Employee Self Service part of the software. This will enable employees to change personal data. They will be able to view historical payroll and W-2 information.

She then requested the Council to approve her to do an online transfer on Mondays in order to cover Direct Deposit payroll.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to allow Accounts Payable to do an online transfer for Direct Deposit payroll on Mondays before payday on Wednesdays. All in favor. Motion.

Trustee Brown reported that the Bacons want to meet on Saturday to discuss trees on their property that need to be cut down so they no longer hinder air traffic at the airport. Darrus Varner with aero Pines and Alfredo Miceli will meet in the spring to discuss trees on their property to be cut. The Council did decide that getting a carport would be the cheapest way to go for a shelter for the plowing truck at the airport. They will ensure the money is put into the budget for next year.

President Hornbacher reported that EMS had 48 runs for the month. They have interviewed 2 paramedics and still have 2 interviews to go. Fire had 9 runs. They found a great sale and were able to purchase boots and gloves at a much cheaper rate. They got a Stewart Stevenson truck for zero dollars through the DOD program, along with a 2010 Toyota Hilux with 67 miles on it. There is something wrong with fuel system on the Hilux. The Stewart Stevenson will be stored in the

Township to find the best communication so auto accidents will not be left out of fire truck presence.

Dave Post reported that there was a request on Third Street to have the water lines flushed. He will have DPW do that.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Ann Williams, Clerk

The Council for the Village of Hillman met for budget meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 5:00 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: Velma Brown, Jonathan Smith, Tom Bouchey. Absent: Steve Orlandi. Employees: Dave Post, Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams.

President Dave Hornbacher opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Bouchey 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 Smith to open Truth in Taxation meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued about the amount to levy for taxes for the 2026-2027 Fiscal year. The agreed amount was to stay 10.5 mills.

The floor was opened to the public to comment in concern of levying 10.5 mills for the tax year of 2025-2026. There was no response.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to close the hearing and enter the budget meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported Trustee Brown to set the tax millage at 10.5 mills for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to set mileage at 72.5 cents per mile for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board agree to the proposed new rates for water, sewer and garage, as well as the airport rates and the following wage increases: 80 cents per hour for John Burr and \$1.50 for Kasey Burr, all other employees have had agreed upon wage increases. Motions and resolutions will be made at the Budget Hearing in March.

The Council then reviewed and edited line items of the proposed budget for 2026-2027.

The Council agreed to meet March 3, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. to finish the budget.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Ann Williams, Clerk