

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the evening in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, Michigan. Present: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustees: Thomas Bouchey, Stephen Orlandi, Velma Brown. Absent: Johnathon Smith. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray and Brenda South. Visitors: Marie Ochs, Karl Miller, Daryl Peterson, Charlie Arbour,

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Hornbacher.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the September 3rd, 2024, Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 37010 through . All in favor. Motion carried.

Marie Ochs addressed the Council regarding a lot she and her friend purchased across from their residence. They planned to construct a garage like structure to store their multiple trailers in. The current zoning does not allow for stand alone storage structures, as it is zoned residential, any garage would have to have a primary residence on the lot as well. Ms. Ochs asked if the Village Council could help them out as they did not understand the zoning when they purchased the lot. It was suggested that they write a letter with their request and to attend the next planning commission meeting in October, this is an issue they will deal with and an opinion will be gotten from the zoning specialists they work with from NEMCOG.

Mr. Daryl Peterson addressed the Council about possible work being done on his street, Jonathon Street. Mr. Peterson was told that there will be some work done on his street next year.

Manager Dave Post reported that he had received the updates plans for the new bakery and he and Chairman Ron Floer had reviewed them and will issue a zoning permit. The Village of Hillman received a \$50,000 Planning Grant from MSHDA for updating the Master Plan and zoning, approval to accept it is needed from the

Council. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to give Manager Dave Post permission to accept the award of the MSHDA Planning and Zoning Grant. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Manager Dave Post continued reporting that the Act 51 report will be completed and submitted by the end of the month, the Title 6 report was submitted this week. The pickleball court has been completed already bike tracks were over it and a motorized vehicle drove on the walkways. A snow fence will be put up around the court until the permanent fencing is put up. Manager Dave Post will be taking 2 weeks off the beginning of October. The next issue was a quote for cleaning well #11 for \$18,484, the cost is way up from the last time it was cleaned, about 2 years ago. The well must be cleaned. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Bouchey to accept the quote from Northern Pump & Well to clean well #11 for \$18,484. All in favor. Motion carried.**

President Hornbacher brought up the issue of short-term rentals which was tabled at the last meeting. This is not allowed in our current zoning, all were in agreement to leave this issue alone as it is not allowed.

Trustee Brown reported that part of the grass runway still needs mowing. Manager Mark Milligen mowed part of the runway. The people who own the property at the south end of the airport need to be contacted about cutting their trees. Manager Dave Post said that a letter has been sent to them, Trustee Brown request that a certified letter be sent to them to verify they have been notified.

Manager Dave Post reported that the DPW have been working to complete the lead-in audit, 67 homes are being done. Rope lighting has been purchased for the bridge lights. The lights are out at the pocket park in front of Emerick Park. The Duck Weed treatment will be done up to 14 days prior to the discharge of the lagoons, waiting on permits. Huron Engineering will be doing test wells, the school gave permission, there is iron bacteria in well #10.

Charlie Arbour reported that Montmorency County Road Commission had completed two projects north of Hillman.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer