

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 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: Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith, Thomas Bouchey, Stephen Orlandi. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, Brenda South. Visitors: Ron Floer, Judy Nichols,

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 Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024 Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 37111 through 37160. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher set Trick-or-Treating hours for Thursday, October 31st from 5:00- 7:30 p.m.

Manager Dave Post reported that he had sent the Bacon Family a registered letter requesting permission to cut the trees blocking the runway at the airport. The State of Michigan issued a temporary license extended to the end of the month. The Emerick Park Playground improvement project is almost complete, the picnic tables are not attached. The Village will have a sign made and put up recognizing the former Hillman Power Company and the Michigan DNR for their monetary (HPC) contributions and grant (DNR). Lot 24 will be sold to Habitat for Humanity hopefully this week, a zoning permit has been issued just waiting on easements. **Manager Dave Post** reported that two reports for MSHDA are due at the end of the month, he is working on them. Close out for the EGLE Grant for the Sports Center should close out quickly. The Village received a request from MASTEC on behalf of AT&T to revamp equipment on the water tower. Dixon Engineering was contacted, because they do the inspections, to review the work plans and to work with them to make sure that the water tower is not stressed. This request was made months ago, it is taking a long time to complete.

The Director for NEMCOG, (Doug Baum) notified Dave about some Economic Development funding and some Treasury Funds to help fund planning for some type of use for the former Hillman Power site. The Co-Generation Plant in Lincoln is shut down as well and they would be a part of this project. The quote for the relining of the culverts came in at \$80,000. The Village received a violation for failing to send in the testing (these were previously reported by the testing company) the Village is now required to send into EGLE, was not aware of this change so a violation was given. Assessor Garry Boldrey stopped in to tell us that a lot of sales in the Village has raised the value of lot footage to \$284 a sq.ft. for frontage. The Village received the first check for the Brownfield Grant, \$158,467.32.

Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South reported that taxes are completed except for personal property taxes and they are still coming in.

Trustee Brown reported that Dan Marquardt has cut some trees for Aero Pines, these trees were blocking visibility on the airstrip. Airport Manager will hold his inspection of the hangars in the spring.

Manager Dave Post reported issuing one zoning permit for Habitat for Humanity and another application is on hold for an accessory dwelling which is not in compliance. Park Manager Mike Wilson put a new automatic faucet light sensor in the men's bathroom. The park did well this last summer, revenue was way up, long term renters helped.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the bridge lights are finally all working, they look great.

Manager Dave Post reported that we are still waiting for the water grant funding, duckweed spraying at the lagoons last week.

Judy Nichols thanked the Council for the DPW assistance in putting the lights on the Mill.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer

