

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5, 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, MI 49746. Present: President Hornbacher. Trustee: Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, Johnathon Smith, Velma Brown. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, Brenda South, Ann Williams, Mike Wilson. Visitors: Ron Floer.

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 Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None. Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 37161 through 37198. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None. Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher** asked about the agenda item “Budget Review”. **Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray** explained that the audit report indicated some budget line items were over budget. **Manager Dave Post** explained that the auditors reallocated funds to other accounts causing this issue. It was recommended to review the budget once a month.

**Manager Dave Post** reported that he had received a return receipt of the certified letter sent to Mrs. Bacon (landowner at Hillman Airport) the trees on her property are blocking the airstrip. The trees will be removed by June of 2025. A letter was sent to the Airport Inspector as required in his inspection report, he was informed of the plan to have the trees taken care of by June 2025. **Manager Dave Post** reported that he is doing a report for the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding cable franchises in the Village of Hillman. **Dave** reported that he is working on renewing the SAM (System Awards Management) application which is required every year. **Dave** reported that the plan for the repairs on Veterans Memorial Hwy and the alley to Maple Street are enclosed in the agendas. The

County plans to put in new pipe and catch basins to help stem the flow of water draining into the properties along the alley. **President Hornbacher** requested that **Dave** get a more detailed plan from the County Road Commission as this map didn't really explain the details. A contract for updating the Village of Hillman Master Plan/Zoning was sent to NEMCOG. This will take nearly 2 years to complete, and we can use the MSHDA grant money. We still have not received close-out paperwork from the State Land Bank, Blight Grant. The playground project at Emerick Park is nearly completed. We are waiting for EGLE to give their approval to do test wells with the water grant. **Trustee Orlandi** said that a lady on Second Street reported a tree overhanging near her home, it is on the Village alley, it needs to be trimmed. **Manager Dave Post** reported that the recreation plan survey has had 80 responses since posting on the Welcome to Hillman Facebook Page. **Dave** suggested putting it in the elementary school kids Friday Folders. **President Hornbacher** said that the Hillman Fire/Ambulance Department has tried this in the past and it has not been very successful.

**Ann Williams** introduced herself to the Council, Ann will begin as the new Clerk/Treasurer after the next Council meeting.

**Trustee Brown** reported that the terminal building at the airport has a new door, and railing was put up.

**Park Manager Mike Wilson** requested to remain working through the winter rather than getting laid off after the park closes, he will work on maintenance of park picnic tables, help with winter snow removal for the DPW. He would like to continue at the same pay and hours he worked during the summer. The Council discussed with him where he would do the painting and staining of the tables, he would like to enclose the back side of the storage/maintenance building at the park. Using donated lumber and recycled materials he will only need to find a heat source. The Council suggested he look at some type of heat source that will be able to be ventilated well and come to the next Council meeting for approval. **Manager Dave Post** said that there are funds available for part-time hours in the DPW and some left over from the park funds.

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to keep Park Manager Mike Wilson on through the winter months to help the DPW with snow removal and winter maintenance of park equipment. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Dave Post** reported that he will be issuing a zoning permit for an accessory dwelling for a resident as it is under the 600 square foot requirement.

**Trustee Brown** reported for the Hillman Fire and Ambulance reporting that the Halloween celebrations went very well with nearly 400 children attending. The department held fire prevention days at the schools. The Hillman EMS is working on their health care renewals, the embezzlement case was plead out and sentencing will take place on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported that the bridge lights are working and looking great, lights are still out at the pocket park in front of Emerick Park. The pothole on West Second Street has been filled in and looks good. **President Hornbacher** said that Third Street near the elementary school is looking bad, it may have to be completely redone. **Manager Dave Post** reported that he must do the annual sludge application report for EGLE, which hasn't been done since 2005. The plan was not found in our files, EGLE could not find their copy of the plan either. EGLE will send us a plan. We are waiting on the geology for a spot to do a test well for water. Well #10 was cleaned. There was a question as to whether chlorine was used in our water system, there is chlorine in the water system.

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Smith to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer