

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6 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. Trustee: Thomas Bouchey, Velma Brown. Trustees that were absent: Steve Orlandi and Jonathon Smith. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, Brenda South, Ann Williams and Mike Wilson. Visitors: Ron Floer, Judy Nichols.

Oath of office was administered to President Dave Hornbacher by Clerk Brenda South. Oath of office was administered to Trustee Velma Brown by Present Hornbacher.

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 Velma Brown and supported by Trustee Tom Bouchey to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Tom Bouchey and supported by Trustee Velma Brown to approve the minutes with the following corrections on page 2, "The village plans to put in new pipe", instead of "The county plans" and on page 4 "Well #11 was cleaned" instead of "Well 10". All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Bouchey to pay the bills and the additional bills with checks numbered 37199 through 37238. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Dave Post** reported during the Budget Review that we may need to amend the budget for the park project \$17,000.

**President Hornbacher made a motion and it was supported by Trustee Bouchey to adopt Resolution 2024-07 Resolution for Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer. All in favor. Motion carried. Brenda South will stay on for 6 months to train for tax season.**

**Trustee Brown made a motion and it was supported by President Hornbacher to adopt Resolution 2024-08 Village of Hillman Receipting Personnel Designation All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Bouchey made a motion and it was supported by Trustee Brown to adopt Resolution 2024-09 Automated Clearing House & Electronic Transaction. All in favor. Motion Carried.**

**President Hornbacher** tabled Ordinance 2024-06 and Ordinance 2024-07 until the next meeting when all Trustees will be present.

**Manager Post** reported that he has not heard from Mrs. Bacon. He reported information on AT&T First Net. Cheaper and more reliable than Frontier. After some discussion, it was a consensus to switch the office phones and cell phones to First Net.

**Manager Post** reported that he is working on the Systems for Awards Management (SAM) number. He reported that we received a letter from Sharon Young that there is a tree hanging over her house coming from the alley that is owned by the Village. Her inquiry was to see if the Village would pay for the removal of the tree. The census was to table any decisions until someone did a visual inspection.

**Manager Post** reported that he was at the Chamber meeting and the school band will be holding a Trivia fundraiser and it's \$100 a table and \$100 sponsor. There were 21 deer on the buck pole. There is a new treasurer-secretary. They would like to plant a memorial tree for Jack and Jan Mathias in Emerick Park. Discussion ensued on that possibility. **Clerk Brenda South** suggested putting it on the corner of Industrial Park with a pocket park to memorialize all of their efforts for building up the Village of Hillman.

**President Hornbacher** said he has appreciated all the work that Brenda has done.

**Trustee Brown** reported that Airport Manager Mark Mellinger is having trouble contacting Mrs. Bacon about the trees on her property that is blocking the runway at the airport.

**Park Manager Wilson** reported that 6 hunters were camped at the grounds with one deer in a tree. He reports he found an electric heater, a Duraflame, that is decorative, 5200 BTU and costs \$239 on-line. Temporarily he could use a propane heater with a 20# propane tank. The cost of R-13 or R-15 insulation for the walls would cost \$200. There is a place for a dumpster down by the boat launch. Campers would be responsible for dropping trash there.

**A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Brown to purchase the heater and insulation with a cap of \$650. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Post** reported Josh Edwards got a zoning permit to build a shed for fertilizer bags for his lawn care business in the Industrial Park.

**President Hornbacher** reported there is a light out across from Eli's Marketplace.

**Trustee Brown** asked about the sidewalks on Pleasant Valley Road. There is a lot of foot traffic and speeding automobiles along that stretch of road. **Manager Post** reported that we did not get the grant money for it so he will review and add it to the Street Budget.

**President Hornbacher** inquired about what needs to be done at Veterans Memorial Highway and Maple Street. **Manager Post** said he will have John Burr explain the details. President Hornbacher tabled the issue until John can report.

**Manager Post** reported we are waiting on EGLE to give the consent to drill test wells. John Burr met with Claire Lowe for the Annual Inspection Report. He learned that the sewer samples taken from the Lagoons should be put on ice. John signed an application for the Duckweed treatment.

**Brush Creek Mill Manager Judy Nichols** reported that Soup Fundraiser sales were successful. They are getting Christmas trees in for the Festival of Trees. They will host a service on December 19, 2024, to read the names of honor and in memory of lost loved ones on tree bulbs they've sold. Following with caroling and singing, and the announcement of the people's choice award for best tree. On December 7, 2024, they will host a Christmas event for the children. Santa will be there, available for photos, games activities, crafts and decorating cookies. They are happy to have the roof completed.

**Trustee Bouchey made a motion and supported by Trustee Velma Brown to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Ann Williams, Clerk/Treasurer