

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2023, at 7 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, Clerk-Treasurer: Brenda South. Trustees: Thomas Bouchey, Stephen Orlandi, Johnathon Smith, Velma Brown. Employees: Jan McMurray, Dave Post. Visitors: Judy Nichols, Brush Creek Mill.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Hornbacher.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Bills: The sidewalk project, at the top of the hill, came in \$8597.54 less than expected. A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve paying the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 35745 through 35783. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher presented Resolution 2023-01 Resolution to adopt 80%/20% Employer/Employee Health Care Cost Option As Set For In 2011 Public Act 152, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt Resolution 2023-01 Resolution to Adopt 80%/20% Employer/Employee Health Care Cost Option As Set For In 2011 Public Act 152, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Roll Call: Ayes: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown, Hornbacher. Nays: None, Abstain: None, Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01
VILLAGE OF HILLMAN**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 80%/20% EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE HEALTH
CARE COST OPTION AS SET FOR IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE
PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT**

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the “ACT”) was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

WHEREAS, the ACT contains three options for complying with the requirements of the ACT;

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

- 1) Sections 3- “Hard Caps” Option-limits a public employer’s total annual health care cost for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the ACT;
- 2) Section 4- “80%/20% Option-limits public employer’s total annual health care cost to not more than 89%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8-“Exemption” Option- a local unit of governments, as defined in the ACT, may exempt itself from the requirements of the ACT by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

WHEREAS, the **Hillman Village Council** decided to adopt the 80%/20% option as its choice of compliance under the ACT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the **Hillman Village Council** of the **Village of Hillman** elects to comply with requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution ACT by adopting the 80%/20% option for the medical benefit plan coverage year March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown, Hornbacher

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

President Hornbacher continued the meeting bringing Resolution 2023-02 Village of Hillman Receipting Personnel Designation to the table for adoption. **A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to adopt Resolution 2023-02 Receipting Personnel Designation. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**VILLAGE OF HILLMAN RECEIPTING PERSONNEL DESIGNATION
2023-02**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman has appointed a Clerk/Treasurer and assistant Clerk/Treasurer and they are required to be the designated officers to receipt all transactions and monies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Brenda South Clerk/Treasurer and Jan McMurray assistant Clerk/Treasurer be the appointed officers to receipt all transactions and monies effective for the period of their appointment.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Hillman Village Council the 18th day of January, 2023.

Its: Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____

President Hornbacher presented Resolution 2023-03 Automated Clearing House & Electronic Transaction to the Council for adoption. **A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Smith to adopt Resolution 2023-03 Automated Clearing House & Electronic Transaction. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown, Hornbacher. Nays: None. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2023-03
VILLAGE OF HILLMAN**

AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE & ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION

WHEREAS, The Village of Hillman adopted the Automated Clearing House (ACH) and electronic Transactions Policy on October 1, 2019 that states THE TREASURER or ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION OFFICER (ETO) shall be responsible for all ACHs and ETOs, and

WHEREAS, The Hillman Village Council would have to designate the Treasurer and ETO officers per the ACH and ETO policy adopted October 1, 2019,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Hillman Village Council designates Treasurer Brenda South and Assistant Treasurer Jan McMurray as the ACH and ETO officers for the Village of Hillman for their current terms.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Hillman Village Council, the 18th day of January, 2023.

Its: Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____

President Hornbacher continued the meeting bringing the Managers' Contract to the Council's attention. Nothing has changed from the contract except the dates. Pay will increase annually according to Social Security increases, beginning January 1st of each year. The next issue was setting budget meetings, a budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Council meeting, another one will be held prior to the next Council meeting, if needed. A personnel meeting will be held on January 26th at 6 p.m.

Manager Dave Post reported that he, President Dave Hornbacher, and Planning Board Chairman Myron McIntire had attended a Planning Commission training held by NEMCOG. The training consisted of solar/wind power and the state is working towards these power sources. It was stated that the state would pre-empt any local government control. There will be more training in the future for commercial solar and wind power. The culvert project is out for bids, one contractor asked if the pond level could be lowered, he was told this could be done in July or August. The planning commission board met and discussed a "Commercial and Industrial overlay" for properties zoned differently. An owner of a property zoned for business could ask for a "change of use" for the property and if approved by the planning commission board and the village council the

owner could use his property for a new type of business. There would be certain compatibility requirements set by the planning board. Manager Dave Post is currently working on the annual planning commission report. The forfeiture report has been submitted and he is currently working on the SAM number (needed to receive federal funds) this is required to be completed by February 17th. The easements for the wetlands bordering the power plant property are complete (wetlands delineation) they just must be filed. The Hillman Area Chamber of Commerce met and have set their calendar of events for 2023, the annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 1st. The board requested to use Emerick Park as a starting point for the egg hunt. The Chamber set the "Adopt-a-Highway" clean-up day for May 13th 9-Noon. June 3rd was set for the Blessing of the Bikes, V-J Day is set for August 12th, the annual Chamber Banquet is set for October 17th and the Ride with Santa is set for December 9th. The scholarship program offered by the Hillman Chamber has been revised by Judy Nichols. Grade Point Averages have changed and they have added a Tech Vocational Program in addition to colleges and universities. Additional requirements were adding documentation for proof of school attendance and transfer of funds to students. **Manager Dave Post** went on to say that the Chamber has added a category for awards from the Chamber they are as follows: Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Service Organization Award.

President Hornbacher requested that his water bill be reduced by \$13.13 due to what he believes is a faulty meter. A replacement meter will be requested from the DPW, however he would like his bill reduced to the basis usage. **A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to relieve \$13.13 overage on a water bill for Hornbachers. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

Trustee Brown reported that a hangar owned by Bill Green has been sold along with his plane.

Trustee Smith reported that the annual park inspection is complete.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the east side of the bridge lights were out, but then were on again, it was thought that moisture gets into the plug-in. Tiger Paw Park will be undergoing improvements in the parking lot and it was thought that while removing the gravel to prepare for paving it would be nice to add a second drive to improve traffic flow. President Hornbacher agreed that this would be a good idea.

Trustee Brown asked about making a dog park/run somewhere in the Village or Township. **Clerk Brenda South** commented that it would be nice to put another pocket park on the north end of town near the industrial park sign and bike path.

Manager Dave Post reported that Hillman Township voted to drop recycling beginning February 1st. Dave reported that a panel will need to be built out in order to run the 3 phase electric at the lift station to it, it is estimated to be an additional \$2500. Work on the middle lagoon will be slated for this year, this will be addressed during the budget meeting. The water rate study indicated that a public hearing must be held before any rate increase can be done. **President Hornbacher** set the public hearing for changing the rate structure and raising water rates to the second meeting in February. **Manager Dave Post** stated that changing the rate structure as indicated in this current study will mean that 25% of customers may not see an increase in rates.

Judy Nichols reported for the Brush Creek Mill, stating that they are currently reviewing their rental rates and increases will be made. The board are also reviewing membership rates. The contractor hired to work on the upstairs drywall still hasn't started. There were questions raised again about recycling and how to keep doing it. In order to collect a fee at the site someone would have to manage it which would increase the cost. It was suggested a county wide assessment or millage but this would have to be done by the County Commissioners, and voters would have to approve it. The decision was made to drop recycling for now. **A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Smith to discontinue recycling as of February 1st, 2023. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

President Hornbacher requested that the DPW employees make a sign to put at the recycling trailer.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Smith to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer

