

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 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 Hornbacher, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Trustees: Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, Johnathon Smith, Velma Brown. Employees: Jan McMurray and Dave Post. Visitors: Deputy Mike Brooks, and Judy Nichols.

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 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 June 6, 2023, 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 36056 through 36099. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that the campground website is almost ready for accepting reservations/payments online. Our webpage manager has to put a hyper-link on our webpage to direct people to the new campground webpage. The MML Liability and Property Pool meeting is scheduled for June 21st-23rd, Dave will be attending. EGLE is requiring an audit of the Village leads for water hookups by January 1st, 2025. Huron Engineering can assist our DPW in this audit, requirements are to take pictures of the leads/content of material in the leads, etc. Becky at Huron Engineering is willing to put a work plan together for our DPW and they can begin work in the spring of 2024. The Council agreed with this plan. A person was hired for the part-time summer position. Several grant applications are out for the Village of Hillman. There will be a Habitat for Humanity grant meeting on Tuesday of next week. There is a severe lack of housing so hopefully funding will come through. Lot #24 is up for tax sale, this might be worth looking into since it is already in the Orchard Pines Subdivision and all utilities are there.

Deputy Brooks didn't have anything to report but did hear complaints of 4-wheelers using the foot-bridge behind the Senior Citizens building, he will notify the department to watch out for them. **Trustee Orlandi** commented that there are several who live at the end of Caring Street who are out in late evening.

Trustee Brown reported an airport meeting with several people attending. There was some discussion on changing the way leases are charged, it was discussed charging by square foot rather than a flat rate. Dr. Olree is using his hangar for storage of items other than his plane which is sitting outside. It was suggested a letter be sent to him asking him to clear out his hangar and put his plane inside before the annual inspection on August 2nd or his lease will not be renewed.

President Hornbacher said that he had been asked about putting additional hangars up that could hold multiple planes and renting them out. **Manager Dave Post** said that the current lease agreement has a no sub-lease clause in it, but this is something that could be discussed.

Trustee Smith reported that the park rentals have slowed down some, the website should go live in the next couple of days so it may increase park rentals. Sites on the hill and the family camp area are the only ones for reservations at this time and the others will remain first come first serve.

Trustee Brown requested 2 more garbage cans be put in the municipal parking lot as the 2 there are always full of garbage, it was suggested that the DPW dump them more often but where is all of the garbage coming from, putting out more cans will mean more dumping.

Trustee Orlandi reported a fire board meeting coming up next week and a small section of the bridge lights are out on the east side of the bridge.

Manager Dave Post reported that the DPW personnel are currently pumping down the middle lagoon to begin work. Lead and Copper water testing is being done this week. The work is completed on the lift station they are now waiting for the 2 phase electrical work to be done.

Judy Nichols reported the Brush Creek Mill yard sale went well and the mill is now open from Wednesday through Saturday until 6 p.m. The annual Golf Outing is scheduled for July 9th and sponsors are always welcome. Butch Runyon will be performing on June 30th, the museum in the upstairs of the mill will be opening soon.

Manager Dave Post reported that Hillman Community Radio raised \$9000 for the summer band-shell concerts. The concerts are attended well, a good effort by Hillman Radio.

Clerk/Treasurer asked about a policy for renting pavilions to non-profit organizations. In the past non-profits were not charged the rental fee, however, most use them during the week. After some discussion it was decided that rental fees would be applied to anyone wanting to rent on the weekends, that being Friday, Saturday, Sunday. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Bouchey to amend the current policy to charge the pavilion rental fee to anyone for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, non-profits will be free Monday through Thursday. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Trustee Smith asked about speakers being put along the hill to Emerick Park, Manager Dave Post said that Jim Stanton would be the person to ask about this he will know what to do.

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 7:40 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer