

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 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: Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, Johnathon Smith, Velma Brown. Employees: Dave Post, John Burr, Jan McMurray, Brenda South. Visitors: Judy Nichols, Deputy DeMott.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Hornbacher, the pledge of allegiance was recited at the opening of the budget meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**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 Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024, Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36566 through 36597. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Deputy DeMott** reported that the Village has been quiet and there hasn't been much activity except a couple of loud vehicles. The Council thanked the Deputy for coming to the meeting and wished him safety.

**President Hornbacher** presented the Sunrise Communications Video Service Local Franchise Agreement to the Council for passage. Mr. Robert Goodenow, General Manager for Sunrise Communications has asked for the Council to consider a new agreement citing his insurance company is requesting he change to this uniform Video agreement. The Council members had reviewed the agreement as well as the Village Attorney, Tim Gulden, who said he saw no issues with the non-exclusive franchise agreement.

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to enter into the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Sunrise Communications LLC. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**(Franchise Agreement at the end of Minutes)**

**Manager Dave Post** requested that the Council adopt the same Zoning Fee Schedule that is currently listed on the Village website. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Brown to adopt the Zoning Fee Schedule currently in use by the Village of Hillman. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Dave Post** reported that a HELP Loan Criteria List will be put in the next agenda for the Councils review, this will be added to the HELP Loan Application. Manager Dave Post would like to review the Fleiss and VanderBrink study for a search for new water wells, there is a \$100,000 Affordable Planning Grant with a \$10,000 Community match available. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Smith to apply for the Affordable Planning Grant for \$100,000 with a \$10,000 community match. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher** reported that he had given John Schulze the go ahead to do the repairs on pumphouse #9 for roof repair. The estimate was for \$1550, reported the at last Council meeting.

**Manager Dave Post** reported that the Planning Commission Board met last night and heard a request from Patchwood Products for a change of use (Industrial Overlay) for his building on State Street. The board reviewed a Chicken Ordinance for housing Chickens in the Village. This will be referred to Denise Cline for further information as to how to proceed. A request from Jamie MacArthur for a 25' setback at the building she is purchasing on State Street, also outdoor dining which would be a Special Use issue. The Council acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals will have to address the setback issue. Dave had a conference call from Julie Lowe (EGLE) the application for the Brownfield Grant is almost complete. She will need to take some pictures of the site and utilities before submitting the application. AT&T will be putting in fiber at the water tower, Peninsula Fiber is not available to them any longer, so they are going to request a right of way permit to install their own fiber. MEDC representative will be here tomorrow at 12:30 for a meeting about Redevelopment Ready Communities. The DNR were not satisfied with the map of Emerick Park they want updated map with correct distances, so Huron Engineering is working on this.

**Trustee Brown** reported that Airport Manager Mark Melligen plowed the airport last week after the last snowstorm as there were 3 planes flying into the airport. Bill Green is trying to find someone to fix the broken runway lights and the land line telephone has been disconnected.

**Trustee Johnathon Smith** reported that he would like to add more sites to be reserved this summer at Emerick Park, last year there were only 7 sites available for reservations. The Council agreed to leave this decision to him as he is the Park Manager.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported that the lights are still out on parts of the bridge and also the streetlight near the Emerick Park entrance is out. There is a pothole making an appearance near the Episcopal Church on Third Street.

**Judy Nichols** reported that maintenance repairs will begin at the Brush Creek Mill, they will purchase the new toilets. The Council agreed that the Village will pay for the new flooring and reroofing of the entire mill. **President Hornbacher** stated that he would like the solar panels tested before removing all of them, just to see if they can be salvaged.

**John Burr** reported that Huntington Bank has requested to do some repairs to their parking lot. They will be removing the landscaped area to extend handicap parking. This will also require removal of some of the stamped concrete/sidewalk owned by the Village of Hillman. **John** expressed some concern about removal of the sidewalk and whether it would be done to the current specifications. There was also concern about the quality of work, if and who would be responsible for repairs if the sidewalk does not hold up. This issue will be tabled until more information is gathered. **John** also stated that he had some concerns about the burned-out house on County Street. There are 3 out-buildings he says should be removed as well since there are no plans to rebuild on the site. An environmental assessment must be done prior to removal of the house.

Huron Engineering will be setting up a pre teardown meeting prior to the houses on Pine Street being removed.

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer