

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 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: Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith, Thomas Bouchey, Stephen Orlandi. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, Brenda South. Visitors: Bill DeFisher, Judy Nichols.

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

**A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Brown, Orlandi, Smith, Bouchey. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher presented Resolution 2024-05 Budget Adoption Resolution and Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-05. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adopt Resolution 2024-05 Budget Adoption Resolution and Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Yeas: Bouchey, Orlandi, Smith, Brown. Nays: None. Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2024-05  
BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION AND APPROPRIATIONS ACT  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

**WHEREAS**, Budget documents were prepared by the Budget Committee consisting of President Dave Hornbacher, Clerk-Treasurer Brenda South, Councilpersons Stephen Orlandi, Johnathon Smith, Tom Bouchey and Velma

Brown, Village Manager Dave Post, DPW Supervisor John Burr, and Secretary-Bookkeeper Jan McMurray covering the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025 and

**WHEREAS**, this budget document has been placed on file in the office of the Village of Hillman and made available for public examination, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on March 19, 2024, and duly advertised on March 13<sup>th</sup> in the Montmorency County Tribune to receive input from the citizens of the Village of Hillman as required by the laws of the State of Michigan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proposed budget document titled “Annual Budget-Fiscal Year 2024-2025” of the Village of Hillman for the fiscal year April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 be adopted by activity within each fund, and the Village of Hillman Council is hereby authorized to make expenditures provided for in said budget provided such expenditures are made according to the General Law Village Charter.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the final budget document is herein approved, adopted, appropriated, and placed on file in the office of the Village of Hillman and is made a permanent record of the Village of Hillman and that it is made a part of this resolution by reference.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that to defray the cost of general operating expenditures contained in said document that the estimated sum of \$175,000 based on the millage rate of 10.5 shall be raised by the Village of Hillman, Hillman, Michigan by taxation for the fiscal period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, inclusive, in accordance with the General Law Village Charter and the law of the State of Michigan relative to the taxation and real and personal property.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following appropriations be and are hereby authorized for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024:

General Fund	\$621,370
Major Streets	\$141,300
Local Streets	\$174,700
HELP	\$136,842
Bond Debt	\$ 64,530
Airport	\$ 20,500
Sewer Dept.	\$ 94,500

Water Dept.	\$129,410
Heavy Equip Pool	<u>\$ 42,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,425,152

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Bouchey to adopt Resolution 2024-05.**

**YEAS: Bouchey, Smith, Orlandi, Brown, Hornbacher.**

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: None**

**Abstain: None**

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Brenda South  
Village Clerk

**A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36652 through 36680. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Dave Post** reported that the Village had received notice they were awarded a \$90,000 affordable planning grant with a \$10,000 match. This grant will assist in planning for water needs in the future. This grant along with the playground award for Emerick Park (\$150,000), the grant for tearing down and remediation of dilapidated properties (\$115,000) and the prospective of the (\$400,000) Brownfield Grant for the old Sports Center, brings \$755,000 into the Village for improvements. Manager Dave Post asked that the Council designate him to sign the paperwork for the Brownfield Redevelopment Program through Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes Energy.

**A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to designate Manager Dave Post to sign all paperwork for the Brownfield Redevelopment Program through the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes Energy. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Dave Post** asked the Council if they had reviewed the new rules for the HELP Loan Program. Some of the rules remained the same, however, life insurance for the duration of the loan was added, loan must be used for stated purposes, and legal fees paid by the applicant, and the Council may waive or add to these rules at their discretion. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher**

**and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt the new HELP Loan Requirements and Documentations drafted in 2024 to replace existing rules. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Orlandi** asked if the Clinic would be moving into the pharmacy building. There was a request from the Clinic Administrator for a zoning permit to add a drive-through window at the Clinic for pharmacy needs. This is the plan and will be done within the next 6 months, however until then the pharmacy will be moved into the former Hillman Pharmacy building and open on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Becky from Huron Engineering met with Dave and John and stated that there is a chemical that can be used at the lagoons to control duckweed, the DPW can administer this chemical. Habitat for Humanity has requested that the Village give them lot #24 in Orchard Pines Subdivision so that a house can be built on it, however the Village Attorney says that it cannot be given away. The property must be sold at fair market value. This will apply to the lots on Pine Street as well. There is a mobile home on Pine Street that is in very poor shape, it is currently occupied. Manager Dave Post suggested that the Council look at the blighted property to see what can be done to clean up this area. There is a planning commission meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> and on the 16<sup>th</sup> the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet just prior to the Council meeting to adopt the Zoning Board of Appeals Rules/Changes. This board can have 2 alternates, providing there are people interested in serving. There is training through the Michigan Association of Planners being held in June in Gaylord. All Planning Commission board members and Council should attend, this training which is needed for the MEDC/RRC programs. Presque Isle Electric and Gas sent a request for renewal of their franchise which expires on August 8<sup>th</sup>, The franchise was for 10 years, however they are asking for a 30 year franchise this time. The Council asked Manager Dave Post to send it to the Village Attorney for review and recommendations. **Manager Dave Post** reported that he will begin working on the Consumer Confidence Report next month. Becky from Huron Engineering has the site plan for the Emerick Park upgrades.

**Mr. Bill DeFisher** addressed the Council about using the Village parking lot for the annual car show in August. The Council agreed to letting the Wheels Car Club use this parking lot, it is a great addition to the VJ Day festivities.

**Manager Dave Post** asked the Council if they were interested in applying for more grants for improvements, stating that his plate is full right now, but there is some funding available if they are interested. Several Council members asked about the culverts on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets, both are scheduled to be done this year. President Hornbacher asked about sidewalk on Pleasant Valley Road, and Trustee

Orlandi asked about sidewalk being continued along State Street to County Road 459, it was suggested we try to do all of them. Manager Dave Post will talk with Huron Engineering about applying for grants for streets/sidewalks.

**Manager Dave Post** asked about when the park manager and part-time worker should begin work for this season. It was suggested that the Park Manager return to work next week to begin clean-up and opening the park. The part-time worker may want to start on the weekends as he is still in high school. The port-a-johns will be ordered for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Trustee Brown** reported that there has been some concern over a hangar owner who is speeding in his vehicle, also his plane is in poor shape there is some concern about his flying or crashing it. The Council said that this issue is beyond their control. There was a question as to whether the amendment for the airport lease was completed, Clerk South will check this out for next meeting.

**Manager Dave Post** reported that Huntington Bank zoning request will require site visit to see what exactly it will entail with Village sidewalk and their parking lot. The Thunder Bay Clinic drive-thru will be a work in progress this summer.

**Trustee Brown** reported that the Hillman Fire/Ambulance Board met and were told that the Mock Accident Demonstration at Hillman High School was well attended, with 17 personnel attending. There are 3 new fire candidates, 1 resignation. The department sold a truck and is purchasing a tanker from Hubbard Lake. The EMS reported 27 ALS, 10 refusals, and unit 302 will be out of service for 3 weeks. **President Hornbacher** reported 24 firefighters in service currently.

It was decided to order ink pens and calendars for water/sewer customers.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported a small section of the bridge lights are still out and the lamp near the park entrance is out.

**Manager Dave Post** stated that the preliminary plan for well #10 was never pursued, the water systems should be part of the water plan. The water grant should include this and possibly drill beside well #7 which has great water, put in a treatment system on Lynn Street to treat 2 wells.

**Judy Nichols** reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was well attended, this was a joint effort between the Chamber and Medilodge Nursing Home. Around 11,000 eggs were hidden and there were about 150 kids who enjoyed it. Judy went on to say

that she had heard from people outside of Hillman that the Mock Accident was a success and quite impressive.

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.**

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer