

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 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: Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith, Tom Bouchey, Steve Orlandi. Employees: Jan McMurray and Dave Post. Visitors: Deputy Arnett.

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: Smith, Brown, Bouchey, Orlandi. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Smith to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Bouchey, Smith, Orlandi, 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 35587 through 35619. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Deputy Arnett did not have anything to report but the Council thanked her for coming to the meeting and told her to stay safe as she left the meeting. **President Dave Hornbacher** reported an individual was interested in purchasing some property in the Industrial Park, however most of the vacant property has been held for a potential project proposed by Fordistar who will have a definitive answer in December. The individual was instructed to talk to another business/landowner about purchasing some of his property. The next issue addressed was Resolution 2022-07 Resolution for Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to adopt Resolution 2022-07 Resolution for Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND TREASURER
2022-07**

WHEREAS, The Village of Hillman Council appoints a clerk and treasurer every two years and assistant clerk and treasurer after the November election every presidential year and mid-term election, and

WHEREAS, This will be a two year appointment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Brenda South shall be clerk, and Brenda South shall be treasurer and Janet McMurray shall be assistant clerk and treasurer from November 20, 2022 until November 20, 2024.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Hillman Village Council the 1st day of November, 2022.

Its: Brenda South

Date:_____

Manager Dave Post continued the meeting bringing the Councils' attention to the loan criteria included in their agendas. The zero percent loan with a 50% match is for the B-1 district for outside façade improvements. Manager Dave Post explained that he would like to take the loan application and combine with the grant application criteria and bring it back to the table for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the loan criteria as written and combine with a rewritten grant application to be turned into a completed loan application and be brought back to Council for final approval.

Manager Dave Post brought the Council's attention to the Zoning Permits included in their agendas. The Zoning Permit Application, Special Use Permit Application, Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance Amendment Request, Zoning Board of Appeals Application have all been revised. **A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the Zoning Applications as presented. Yeas: Brown, Smith, Bouchey, Orlandi. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

President Hornbacher reported that he had heard nothing from the other trapper contacted about removing the beaver from village property. After some discussion it was decided to hire the 1st trapper to remove the beaver and stop the flooding.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to hire Jared Fletcher to remove the Beaver on Village property at \$50 per beaver and the permit fee. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that he had talked with the Village auditors about the culvert project which may exceed \$100,000. **Manager Dave Post** thought the project should go through the bid process however, the auditors did not say it was necessary. It was decided to have Huron Engineering handle the bid process for this project. **Manager Dave Post** continued reporting that he had done some research about a zoning issue on South State Street. There is a “conditional zoning” or “zoning overlay” that would allow other uses for property not zoned for them. Neighboring property owners would have to be notified and there could be requirements or restrictions imposed. A request for zoning change would have to be submitted and a site plan review would have to be done. The next planning commission meeting will be held in January, this will be addressed.

Trustee Johnathon Smith reported that he and Manager Dave Post had discussed Emerick Park playground improvements with Game Time and there were 3 options to choose from. There is a new program through the DNR coming in January for grant funds. The Council reviewed the 3 options for playground improvements, and it was decided to go with option #2 which will add to what is already there.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to pursue option #2 for \$58,846 with the contribution of Hillman Power’s \$25,000 and the Village of Hillman paying the balance of \$33,846.00. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that he had been contacted by a Lions Club member who is interested in doing some upgrades to the band shell in Emerick Park. The Lions Club are willing to donate \$3700 towards expanding the cement foundation adding a “dance area” for the musical events and adding lights around the band shell. **Trustee Orlandi** said that it is good to expand this since the musical events have been successful. There is a support beam that has a split in it that will need to be either banded or filled (acrylic) to prevent it from further deterioration.

President Hornbacher brought up a request for relief of a water bill from a customer who had an unusually high usage. He did not discover a leak and the water bill was extremely high. **A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to relieve the water bill with the exception of the current months' amount of \$46.50 for Mr. Schwartz. Yeas: Brown, Smith, Bouchey, Orlandi. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

Trustee Velma Brown reported that all things were going well at the airport, Manager Dave Post stated that he had put in an application for more crack sealing to be done next year. Manager Mark Melligen requested that he be relieved of his airport hangar lease in lieu of his work as the airport manager. The Council agreed that he and his wife do much of the work at the airport for no pay, relieving him of the lease payment was agreeable to everyone.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Bouchey to relieve/refund Mark Melligen of his \$500 hangar lease for 2022 in lieu of work performed as airport manager. Yeas: Brown, Smith, Bouchey, Orlandi. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher said he would like to see some repair work done on the terminal building roof this week by the DPW so that no further damage will be done over the winter, a new roof will be put on in the spring.

Trustee Smith reported that all of the picnic tables have been put in storage for the winter except for a couple left for hunters who are camping, otherwise the park is pretty quiet for now.

Trustee Orlandi reported the EMS runs are down from last year, there is a search for more paramedics. No report on the Forensic Audit being done. There is a streetlight out near the pharmacy and lights on the east side of the bridge are out.

Manager Dave Post reported that he, Jan and Kasey had met with rural water representatives who will be back next week to review 3 years of usage, provided by Jan. They reviewed the billing and said that the water testing fee is a good way to absorb this cost. Also, they suggested lowering the base fee and bill for the first gallon, this will be fairer for the low user. The report for the sewer/land application, which was done in 2005, has been completed, and the dashboard report will be done shortly. John Burr will be installing the "slip mats" in the parking/sidewalk area at the Brush Creek Mill soon.

President Hornbacher asked the Council to move the next meeting since it falls on opening day of deer season and several members will be at deer camp. The next meeting will be moved to Tuesday, November 22nd instead of November 15th.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Smith to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Smith, Brown, Orlandi, Bouchey. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer