

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 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: Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, Velma Brown. Absent: Johnathon Smith. Employees: Dave Post and Jan McMurray. 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 Brown and supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown. Nays: None. Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Correction to minutes: Change time to 5 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022, Council meeting with the correction of time from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m. Yeas: Bouchey, Orlandi, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 35724 through 35744. Yeas: Brown, Bouchey, Orlandi. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher reported that he had talked with the village attorney Tim Gulden regarding the renewal of a lien filed against an individual/company that had an outstanding HELP Loan from the village back in 2004. The company folded and the loan was not repaid so a lawsuit was filed against the owners of the company. One of the owners was determined to be broke and pursuing collection from him would be useless. The other owner, who is local to Hillman, has assets but are in the spouses' name. After some discussion it was decided to renew the lien for another 5 years.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to refile the lien for another 5 years. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that he had met with representatives from Rural Water and they are sending their assessment results but would like to meet with 2

trustees at a time before the next meeting. Two should meet with them at 5 p.m. and 2 at 6 p.m. prior to the meeting at 7 p.m. The playground grant application has been submitted. Three phase electrical for the lift station by Faith Lutheran Church came in at \$6900, this estimate is from Alpena Power. New pumps and other electrical work will be additional, the estimated cost for the total project will be around \$20-\$25,000. ARPA funds can be used for this project. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to move forward on the 3-phase electrical upgrade for \$6900 at the lift station by Faith Evangelical Church. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Manager Dave Post reported that he had talked with Becky from Huron Engineering about the culvert repairs on 2nd and 3rd Streets. Becky said that there are 2 companies that would possibly bid for the culvert work. The next issue to discuss was using credit cards for reservations at Emerick Park, water/sewer and tax collection as well. These applications would go through the village website using a third-party payer company. Johnathon would have to check the website regularly to manage the reservations, further information will be gathered before a decision is made. The wetland delineation for industrial park property is almost done. **Manager Dave Post** reported that he would like to check into developing a housing authority for the Village of Hillman, Dave will talk with NEMCOG first, but there has been no word from Habitat for Humanity. The issue of recycling came up and it was thought that Hillman Township had voted to end their part for recycling at their last meeting, however President Hornbacher stated he was at the meeting, and they did not make a final decision, instead said they said a decision will be made at their January meeting. **Trustee Brown** reported that she had talked with the Montmorency County coordinator about recycling and could the county step in to assist, possibly cost sharing with the Village. The coordinator said that she was looking into the cost of recycling.

Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray reported that she will be working on the budget and the Council should get their requests for funding projects in to her soon, budget meetings will be scheduled in the next few weeks. **Manager Dave Post** reported planning commission training on the 11th and a planning commission meeting on January 16th.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the Hillman EMS runs were down for 2022 by 100 runs. The board worked on the budget and the Village portion will be \$20,465 which is up from previous years.

Manager Dave Post reported that Huron Engineering will get a list of items for the water plan and cost, which should be completed by June, they are doing a permit for the culvert project, and we are waiting on the Part 41 permit.

Judy Nichols reported that the Brush Creek Mill gift shop will be closed during January and February, but the office will remain open and music at the mill will continue. Rentals will continue and hopefully work on the drywall will start per Charlie Arbour who said he will have time after the new year.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Bouchey, Orlandi, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer