

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 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 Dave Hornbacher, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Trustees: Thomas Bouchey, Stephen Orlandi, Velma Brown, and Johnathon Smith. Employees: Manager Dave Post, Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray. Visitors: Bryan Joseph, Deputy Doug Nedo, Montmorency County Sheriff Department.

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 Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi to approve the minutes of the April 18m 2023 Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023 Special Council Meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 35953 through 35970. All in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Nedo did not have anything to report to the Council but was requested by several Council members to keep an eye out on the municipal parking area behind the former Hi-Way Inn, there is a considerable amount of littering and some noise complaint.

Mr. Brian Joseph commented that he had purchased a building along State Street and had looked on our webpage, he suggested contacting our web page manager because there was some spam tied to our page through the Sunrise Side.

Manager Dave Post reported that he had attended the MML Conference and sent the presentation about housing out to Council members for their review. Mr. Ted Fines from the Habitat for Humanity was here today and he and Dave toured the Village. The Department of Agriculture had funding available for housing/rehabilitation and may also help pay for a person to do grant writing. A letter of Intent should be submitted by May 25th if the Village would like to pursue this. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Smith**

to grant permission to write a letter of intent for 2023 office of Rural Development for a Rural Readiness Grant. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post continued reporting that Brownfield money can be used for housing, and we could use the state landbank so that we would not have to create our own housing commission. There is funding for blight elimination, grants up to \$200,000 the application must be in by May 31st, there are some blighted properties in the Village that would be eligible. Manager Dave Post went on to ask the Council if they would be interested in collaborating with Habitat for Humanity. The Council all agreed that it would be beneficial to work with Habitat on this, a resolution will be in the next agenda. The Safety Grant has been submitted. Emerick Park has been signed up with Campground Commander and Jim Young is working on our own domain, Art Ross is working on setting up an e-mail for the park, proposing mgr@emerickpark.com. For reservations. The Second Street culvert was the next issue addressed, using dirt underneath the culvert as a base may be an option but Becky is working on it. Several Trustees requested that the DPW put gravel in the holes where the culvert/cement has been cut out. The Consumers' Confidence Report has been submitted, distributed, and published. The MML Liability/Property Insurance for the Village is due, the rates are relatively inexpensive in comparison to other insurances.

President Hornbacher presented an estimate for a new plow for one of the DPW trucks, this was tabled. The discharge permit for the lagoons came this morning so this will be done soon. The DPW have been working to put up the Senior Banners. The tractor from Don's Ford Tractor is here, rolling at the airport will be done. The agreement for Aeronautics for crack-sealing at the airport has been signed.

Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray reported that the auditors will be here on May 15th and 16th.

Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South reported that at the April 18th meeting the Council agreed to hire Pay.gov for water/sewer/garbage, taxes, and Emerick Park reservations, however the Park manager decided to use Campground Commander for reservations and campground fees, it would be advisable to have the Council make another motion for pay.gov for water/sewer/garbage, and taxes, only.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to sign with Pay.gov for collecting water/sewer/garbage bills and property taxes. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher presented an estimate for reroofing the terminal building from Northern Country for \$5290. Several Council members stated that this company does good work. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Smith to hire Northern Country to replace the roof on the terminal building. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Trustee Brown reported that the telephone at the airport is not working, Manager Dave Post suggested purchasing a Verizon HotSpot and get rid of Frontier altogether.

Trustee Smith reported 3 campers at the park.

Manager Dave Post reported that the Planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, May 9th, agenda items will be to renew the Special Use Permit for the Hillman Christian Academy and to hear a presentation from Denise Cline from NEMCOG on an Industrial Overlay.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the fire truck sale fell through, the EMS has an ambulance up for sale. The lights are working along State Street, Second Street needs to have gravel put in where the cement has been cut out on the bridge.

Manager Dave Post reported that the state drinking water plan has been submitted, the water committee should meet to discuss and review comments from EGLE, Becky from Huron will be called to attend this meeting as well. **Dave** went on to report that Hillman Community Radio puts up signs from their sponsors on the fence by the band shell, the fence needs to be stabilized. The DPW will be asked to do some work on the fence before the signs are put up this summer.

President Hornbacher requested that the DPW put up some type of fencing or barrier in NEMROC's driveway. **Manager Dave Post** reported that the Lions Club bought lights for the band shell Mr. Chris Hardies will be asked to put them up. There are plans for extending the floor and pouring a dance floor, it will be about \$9,000. The subject of a dog park was tabled at the last meeting, there is a small strip of land between the lots that is owned by a local individual who has been approached and wants \$1000 for this piece of property. **President Hornbacher** said that he is opposed to paying for this property, it could be claimed by the Village since it has been maintained by the DPW for years. **Trustee Brown** suggested that she talk with the individual and ask if he might want to donate it to the Village for a dog park.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer