

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Monday, July 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: Thomas Bouchey, Stephen Orlandi, Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith. Employees: Dave Post. Absent: Jan McMurray. Visitors: Judy Nichols.

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

Corrections to the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Council meeting was in the Manager's report about the electrical service at the golf course, it should read 3 phase, not 2 phase as written.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Council meeting with the correction of 3 phase electric instead of 2 phase as recorded. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

There was a question on the fee for mobile home park fees to Montmorency County. It was thought to be PILT payment (in lieu of taxes) fees that are collected by the Village monthly and then sent to the County. A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Smith to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36100 through 36120. Yeas: Bouchey, Smith, Orlandi, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported writing a letter to the hangar owner that is in violation of his lease agreement. The Council read the letter and gave approval to mail it to the individual. There is a lot on the end of Caring Street on the cul de sac that is up for tax sale, and another one (#16) is for sale. The Council agreed that they should consider bidding on these for future homes to be built on them. Dave reported that the Land Bank Grant funds were awarded to the Village in the amount of \$116,000 this will be used for purchasing the lots on Pine Street and removing the dilapidated homes that are currently on them. MDARD Planning Grant Application will require hiring someone to write the grant. Habitat for Humanity personnel indicated that they could hire someone, but **Manager Dave Post** stated

that NEMCOG has personnel that would do this. We are members of NEMCOG and they do this type of work all of the time, it would be simpler to have them write the grant for the Village and pay their fee rather than hire a person to do the grant writing, the Council agreed.

The Village was asked to sponsor a golf team for the upcoming Teeing off for Kids golfing event sponsored by the Brush Creek Mill. It was determined that the Village could not do this for one group and not others. **Manager Dave Post** reported that he is currently helping with the Lead and Copper sample reports for the DPW. The GIS software renewal is coming up in October, renewal is \$1650 and has been budgeted, the GIS system is a great asset. **Manager Dave Post** reported that he had attended a MML Liability and Property Pool board meeting where they discussed multiple lawsuits/settlements. Each case was very interesting and he asked if the Council would be interested in getting a copy of the information for a Do's and Don't instruction manual. The Council all agreed it would be beneficial to read up on the different cases for informational purposes. **President Hornbacher** brought the issue of a letter of request to be relieved of water charges for filling a swimming pool. Secretary/Bookkeeper wrote a note on the request telling the Council that the normal procedure was to relieve the individual of sewer charges since the water did not go into the sewer, but the individual did use the water for the pool.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to forgive sewer charges to a resident for filling their swimming pool. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Trustee Velma Brown reported that the airport has been busy since Alpena's airport is closed due to runway work being done.

Trustee Johnathon Smith reported that the park has been slow, there are only 3 campers at this time.

Trustee Stephen Orlandi reported that he had missed the fire board meeting, but the bridge lights are still out. **President Hornbacher** reported that the fire board had met and a new paramedic has been hired. The pumper tanker is up for sale and if sold the \$100,000 received could be given back to the townships and village for reimbursements of their additional contribution on the new fire truck. **Fire Chief Hornbacher** suggested purchasing a used tanker from Hubbard Lake Fire

Department which would be good for at least 20 years rather than reimbursing the townships and village. No decision was made. The fire department reported 12 runs, eight of them were on Memorial Day weekend. The audit has been completed and a copy is available to the village if we want one.

Trustee Velma Brown that the DPW spray the cracks in the sidewalks for weeds. **Manager Dave Post** said that they have been spraying at the airport and this request will be passed on to them. The DPW is currently working at the lagoons, we are waiting for the water/sewer plan, and Rebecca is working on a survey on services which will be distributed.

Judy Nichols reported that the golf outing is this weekend and is currently full. The outing raises money for their grant program, 17 grants were awarded last year. The museum will hopefully be open on VJ Day. The board is currently looking into a stair-lift.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer