

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 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. Trustees: Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, Johnathon Smith, Velma Brown. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, Brenda South. Visitors: Dan and Janet MacNicol, Deputy Roe.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: none, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36504 through 36539. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher reported receiving a letter from Debbie Koenig, a representative from the Brush Creek Mill Board, giving permission to remove and dispose of the solar panels on the roof so that a new roof can be installed on the south side of the mill. The solar panels are more than 7 years over their effective use and according to Ms. Koenig not generating much energy. The roof needs replacing this year, a call will be made to Chris Hardies to see if he can check out the electrical connections first. **Manager Dave Post** suggested leaving the brackets on the roof. **President Hornbacher** will talk with Kenyon Construction to get an estimate for the new roof before the budget meeting.

Mr. Daniel MacNicol asked the Council if they would consider doing maintenance on the alleyway behind their house, which they use to access their driveway. At least 5 families use this alley to access their homes and the alley is in serious need of repair. Mr. MacNicol says he is currently paying someone to plow it. **President Hornbacher** said he will discuss this with the DPW Supervisor John Burr to see what can be done. **President Hornbacher** reported receiving a letter from County

Commissioner Don Edwards regarding the Montmorency County Sheriff Department. The letter was to clarify some negative comments being made about the Commissioners coming from the Sheriff Department.

Deputy Roe reported that things in Hillman have been quiet with most of their calls being in other areas of the county. It was suggested by him to watch out for dogs, if they are being housed outside dogs should be brought into a warm facility during the cold.

President Hornbacher presented the contract from PAC for trash service in the Village. The current contract expires on March 28th. No one had any complaints about the service other than not giving notice when pick-up will be done on holidays.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to extend the contract as written another 2 years from March 28th, 2024 through March 28th, 2026. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: none, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post presented to the Council Resolution 2024-01 Resolution to adopt Hard Cap Employer/Employee Health Care Cost Option As Set For In 2011 Public Act 152, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Currently the hourly employees are paying 20% and the Village is paying 80% of health-care costs. The Village costs are less than half of the allowable payment for health care so it was decided to choose the Hard Cap option to pay the entire amount of costs for hourly employees rather than cost share with them.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Smith to adopt Resolution 2024-01 A Resolution to Adopt Hard Cap Option Employer/Employee Health Care Cost Option As Set For In 2011 Public Act 152, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act beginning March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown, Hornbacher. Nays: None, Abstain: none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01
VILLAGE OF HILLMAN**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT HARD CAP OPTION
EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COST OPTION AS SET FOR
IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH
INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT.**

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the ACT”) was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

WHEREAS, the ACT contains three options for complying with the requirements of the ACT;

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

- 1) Sections 3-“Hard Caps” Option-limits a public employer’s total annual health care cost for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the ACT;
- 2) Section 4-“80%/20%” Option-limits public employer’s total annual health care cost to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8-“Exemption” Option-a local unit of governments, as defined in the ACT, may exempt itself from the requirements of the ACT by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

WHEREAS, the **Hillman Village Council** has decided to adopt the Hard Cap option as its choice of compliance under the ACT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the **Hillman Village Council** of the **Village of Hillman** elects to comply with requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act by adopting the Hard Cap option for the medical benefit plan coverage year March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown, Hornbacher

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Its: Brenda South, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____

Manager Dave Post reported that he would like to meet with several Council members to develop an Ordinance for Emerick Park. Trustee Orlandi and Trustee Smith volunteered to work with Manager Dave Post on this ordinance. **Manager Dave Post** reported that he had learned of some issues on the Orchard Pines lots purchased for constructing houses by Habitat. When the Housing Commission dissolved the deeds for the properties were turned over to Montmorency County and it seems they were not registered. Some of the properties were listed for tax sales and deeds were released by a judge, but there was confusion on a tax identification number, also a break-down on chain of title. The Register of Deeds office continue to investigate to clear up this matter. **Manager Dave Post** presented the proposal for updating the Village Recreation Plan. Hillman Township had partnered with the Village when the last update was done 5 years ago by NEMCOG. This proposal for NEMCOG to update the plan is for \$6550.00 which the Township has agreed to partner with the Village again for updating their plan. The cost will be \$3275 each.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to accept the proposal from NEMCOG to have them update the recreation plan partnering with Hillman Township at a cost of \$3275 each or a total of \$6550.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that the bid packets for the tear downs on Pine Street are completed, out, and should be opened by the end of the month. There is a NEMCOG meeting on Thursday if anyone would like to attend, and Manager Dave Post will be out of the office for a few days next week.

President Hornbacher reported that the Village had received a check from the insurance company of the burned-out house on County Street. The check will be held until the remains of the house has been cleaned up. There has been a request for a HELP Loan so the HELP Committee will be contacted for a meeting. The Budget Meeting has been set for February 6, 2024 at 5 p.m. before the next Council meeting and again on February 20th if needed. A personnel meeting will be held on January 26th just prior to the HELP Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Brown reported that the taxiway at the airport was closed.

Manager Dave Post reported that a zoning permit was issued for the Jonathon Street house.

Trustee Orlandi reported the town clock still is not working and the bridge lights are out again.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer