

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6 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, Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, Brenda South. Visitors: Judy Nichols, Ron and Sue Floer, Steve and Ann Riley, Jack Mathias, Brian Bartosh.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024 Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36759 through 36791. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher brought the Council's attention to the request letter from the Brush Creek Mill Board for transferring funds from the bathroom remodel to purchasing a water softener. The Council promised to contribute \$3500 to the remodel and the mill contributed \$1500. The bathroom remodel came in under budget since the mill volunteers did the work, so they are requesting that any money left over be transferred to the purchase of a water softener and installing an outside water spigot by the memorial garden.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the transfer of funds left from the \$5000 budgeted for the remodel to a water softener and outside spigot. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that he had gotten all Council members signed up for the MEDC forum and, Dave would also like to sign Ron Floer up as he is now the Chairman of the Planning Commission Board, this forum is scheduled for June 11th in Gaylord. On June 25th there will be a workshop for Michigan Association of Planners here in Hillman, other communities may attend this workshop as well. The water grant for \$90,000 has been completed, signed and sent in, as well as the

grant for the \$400,000 for the old Sports Center tear down. This is called the Brownfield Development Grant. Last week the Village DPW and Johnathon Smith along with Manager Dave Post, met with Bob Weir from EGLE and Becky from Huron Engineering. The meeting was very informative and some important questions about well #7 were answered. We may be able to rehab well #7 or drill right beside it. A discussion with Amy Vail from EGLE revealed that testing for influence from the river has been proven to be none, there are no PFA's in the Village water system. A right-of-way permit has been requested from AT&T for upgrading their water tower system, nothing too invasive so the permit will be given. Have not heard anything more from Thunder Bay Clinic regarding their drive-thru pharmacy request. The Huntington Bank permit request has been changed somewhat, they are scaling back on their original plan, so waiting for definitive plans. The Consumer Confidence Report has been published and also distributed around public locations in the Village.

The airport manager would like the tractor mower for doing the airport, the DPW will be told to take it out to the airport for Mark to mow.

Trustee Smith reported problems with the hot water tank at the park bathrooms, Manager Dave Post will call the plumber to get it looked at. The Emerick Park sign is not lit, the bulbs were removed, the DPW will be told to replace them. The park manager reported that the grass mowing there has been non-stop. Park Manager Johnathon Smith stated that this might be his last summer working as park manager.

Trustee Orlandi reported that lights at the pocket parks need to be addressed, flower beds are looking nice. A decorative light pole near the Emerick Park entrance was knocked down last weekend.

Judy Nichols told the Council that the mill will be having their annual yard sale this coming weekend.

President Hornbacher tabled the VFW request for "Capital of Michigan" signs until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Smith to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer

