

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24200 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI 49746. Present: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustees: Thomas Bouchey, Steve Orlandi and Jonathan Smith. Absent: Trustee Velma Brown. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, Ann Williams, John Burr and Mike Wilson. Visitors: Ron Floer and Josh Edwards.

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. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Smith to approve the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 37336 through 37368. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued around Budget meetings and the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing. **President Hornbacher** declared Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on February 4, 2025, at 5p.m. with the Budget meeting to follow directly after. If we need another Budget meeting, it will be held at 5p.m. on February 18, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Visitor Josh Edward addressed the Council regarding his business property in the Industrial Park. Would they waive the hook-up fees for water and sewer since the hook-ups were already there due to a previous grant funding for a different project? After discussion, the Council decided he would only owe the cost of a rubber boot to connect the 8-inch pipe to the 4-inch pipe. He would have to sign up for sewer and water services.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Smith to reappoint Joe Bouchey to the Planning Commission Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to reappoint Diania Smith to the Planning Commission Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post read Resolution 2025-01 Access to and Ongoing Use of Public Way by Telecommunications Providers Right-of-Way Oversight Act. **Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to adopt Resolution 2025-01. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Manager Post reported that any deletions or additions to the Budget need to be addressed before the Budget meetings next month. He would like to attend the Capital Convention with MML on March 18 and 19. Annual Report for Planning Commission is pretty much done. Ordinance 2025-01 and 2025-02 the Sale of Pine Street Properties were published and sent to Habitat for Life and Tim Gulden and awaiting a Purchase Agreement. He received a Notice that there is a possibility of receiving Grant monies because of the closure of co-gen power plant. He will be sending a sample letter for approval. He asked for MSHDA grant monies today. NMCOG will be at the Planning Board meeting. He asked the Council, at their leisure review the Court cases attached to their Agenda packet, especially the one about drones. A letter to EGLE about a Water Quality Parameters test being late will be sent with the sewer bills in March. The Council reviewed the course of the 101-mile race in October.

Park Manager Mike Wilson reported that he has a draft of new brochures and asked for approval for printing of brochures and publishing to the Campground website. There was discussion on rates and including better photographs. **President Hornbacher** advised a decision will be made at the Budget meeting regarding rates and will allow extra time to collect better photographs. **Trustee Orlandi** thanked Mike for all his hard work.

Manager Post reported there are no new zoning applications.

President Hornbacher reported there were 5 runs for fire in December. ISO meeting with insurance company. They have not been evaluated in 9 years. There will be a 911 Advisory meeting. Fire Inspector from MSP meeting in Atlanta to do class training. He did a walk-thru at schools and there is a propane filling station 30 feet from the school near a dust catcher. EMS had 67 runs. They sent \$1000 to collections. They switched their phones to FirstNet and will be saving \$250 a month.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the streetlight in front of Huntington Bank and Eli's Market is out. He also reported that DPW has been doing a good job on keeping the roads and street clear of snow.

Manager Post reported that there is no approval for test wells from EGLE and is waiting on a sewer discharge permit. He went to the meeting at Brush Creek Mill meeting. They complained that the upstairs did not have air conditioning or heat, they thought the furnace was quite old and circuit breakers in the kitchen seem to pop frequently. **President Hornbacher** reminded Council that the Mill has been approved to upgrade breakers, but they would have to fund the project. **Manager Post** continued in his report that Hillman Community Radio has equipment in the water tower building and they reimburse the Village for electric usage. They have been paying using the same formula for 10 years; however, they realized that the rate per kilowatt hour had increased several times over the course of the years. He asked the Council if he could go back 3 years to reimburse the Village for electric usage with a total reimbursement of \$708.36. President Hornbacher agreed to meet with Manager Post to review electric bills and see if they could have Alpena Power put in a separate meter.

Trustee Orlandi made a motion supported by Trustee Smith to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher
President

Ann Williams
Clerk/Treasurer