

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI, 49746. Present: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustees: Jonathan Smith, Thomas Bouchey, Steve Orlandi and Velma Brown. Employees: Dave Post, Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Ron Floer, Judy Nichols, Becky Rivard from Huron Engineering and 3 people from Thunder Bay Community Health Services, Sarah Martinson, Richard Bates and Andrew Blinder.

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Hornbacher with the pledge of allegiance at 6 p.m.

**Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the minutes with the following corrections: Page 1, paragraph one should read Brian Rogers Manager from Canada Creek not President of Montmorency Township, Page 2 second paragraph should read squash pipes instead of squelch pipes and Page 3 paragraph three should be a \$550 buy-in fee instead of \$500, and Page 3 paragraph seven should read that Montmorency Township will pay through millage funds, not Hillman Township. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills including the additional bills with check numbers 37616 to 37653. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to enter the public hearing for Village of Hillman funding By Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a new source production well construction. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Becky** from Huron Engineering reported that Huron Engineering has completed 3 new water source wells for the EGLE Grant. Two by the high school and one next to well #7. Well #1 near the high school is flowing at 50 gallons per minute. Well #2 at the high school looks just as promising. They got nothing at the well next to well #7. She mentioned that we could perhaps turn well #7 into an emergency well and still meet requirements for the grant.

**President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to close the public hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Post** read Resolution 2025-09 Village of Hillman Funding For New Source Production Well Construction Authorizing Resolution.

VILLAGE OF HILLMAN FUNDING FOR NEW SOURCE PRODUCTION WELL  
CONSTRUCTION  
RESOLUTION 2025-09

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) Competitive Funding Round; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman, Michigan desires to request \$890,000 in CDBG funds for the construction of two to three new source production wells. AND

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman commits local funds for in the amount of \$110,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents within the Village limits and 65.0 percent of the residents of the Village of Hillman are low- and moderate-income persons as determined by census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. AND

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Hillman hereby designates the David J. Post, Village Manager as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person



authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Ann Williams, Clerk

**Trustee Brown made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to adopt Resolution 2025-09 Village of Hillman Funding For New Source Production Well Construction Authorizing Resolution. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Post** read Residential Anti Displacement and Relocation Plan, which is a plan to manage displacement of residents. **President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to adopt the Residential Anti Displacement and Relocation Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Richard Bates and Sarah Martinson from Thunder Bay Community Health Services** gave a video presentation of the growth of their clinics. They then reported on the new things they will do for the residents of Hilman. The old pharmacy building will be remodeled and updated on the exterior and will house a Fitness Center. They are using grant money to do "Prescription for Health", a provider will give a patient a "coupon" for fresh produce. They are partnering with Eli's Market Place but wanted ideas for local farmers' markets or produce. They are resuming the Thunder Bay 5k race. It will be August 9, 2025, starting at Thunder Bay Resort.

**Manager Post** reported that he received an email from Habitat for Humanity stating they have been asked to apply under the MSHDA Community Development Block Grant CDBG. He read the Project Contract for the \$30,000 Grant under Economic Planning through the State Treasury. NEMCOG will do the work. **Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to accept the Contract Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Post** reported that he has been in contact with two people about murals downtown, Would the council members like to meet with them and find out their process? Consensus of the Council was a definite yes. He is still working with

OMS Drug Testing. He presented a mock-up of the sign for the Industrial Park. The Council was very agreeable with the design. Estimate from Omega Sign for the Bike Path Sign included \$250 for installation. Council said DPW can install the sign. **President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to accept the estimate for \$450 without the installation fee for the bike path sign done by Omega Signs. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Post** is putting an ad in the Montmorency Tribune for summer part-time help. Gravel has been completed at the park, so we should be able to close out the DNR Grant. The Village is finished drilling for water. There is still 1-2 months of work left for Huron Engineering. The new auditors were here, and everything went well. They would like to address the Council in the next meeting with suggestions for the future. They would like the Cash Balances every month once the bank reconciliations have been completed as part of the audit, and they suggest the Council invest money, that is sitting in bank accounts. He showed a map of the projected layout of Orchard Pines. There are 19 acres, and the homes would have to be built within 2 years.

**Becky** went over the Category B Grant. It's a 50/50 Grant. Previously, the Council had agreed to \$150,000 so it would be \$300,000 of work to be done on streets with overlay up to 1.5 inches thick and updated gravel. It is due June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. She will bring a resolution next meeting. She presented a list of each street in the Village, and the estimate for overlay repairs that the Council could choose which ones could be done for \$300,000.

**Emma Niswonger** reported that Shiela LaFleche will need new rose bushes and some small plants for the pocket parks. They didn't make it through the ice storm. Council said yes to all.

**Clerk Williams** reported the difficulty with getting Emma added onto the CFCU Accounts. We need a day that everyone can physically present themselves to the Credit Union for signing. It was agreed upon for Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

**Trustee Brown** reported that there are lights out at the airport in the main part of the building, and there are 3 transformers that have not been repaired. Can she contact a different electrician because Hardies Electric has been too booked to get there? The council agreed. She has an idea for the ongoing problem of the hangars being used as storage units. Could we ask our attorney about putting it in the contract for the hangars that if they use for storage, it will cost \$100 per month instead of the current \$500 per year? Everyone thought that was a good solution.



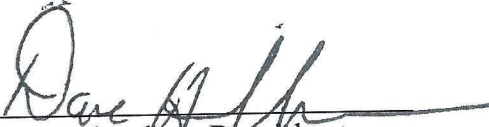
**Manager Post** reported the park is getting cleaned up. Mike is trying to convert all park reservations and fees to be paid on-line instead of cash or check. There have been no new zoning permits. The Planning Commission subcommittee meeting went very well.

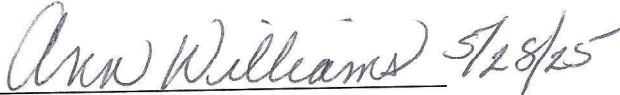
**Trustee Orlandi** reported that pocket parks look great. Everything looks good.

**Judy Nichols** reported that on June 21<sup>st</sup>, Brush Creek Mill will host NE Michigan Artist Guild. It is a display of pieces of art from local artists. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, they will host a play/program/reading of Austin Rea letters. They are a series of letters exchanged with his family. Blessing of the Bikes is at noon on Saturday, May 24, 2025. The Chamber of Commerce would like to memorialize Jan and Jack Mathias with a tree and plaque. They would like the tree to be planted in Emerick Park. The Council informed her that Mike would be the person for advice on the location to plant. Judy has 16 spots around the Village where the Chamber will provide pots, flowers and soil, and volunteers will water and maintain them. She will email the spots so they can be approved.

**Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m.

  
Dave Hornbacher, President

 5/28/25  
Ann Williams, Clerk

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in a special session on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI, 49746. Present: Trustees: Velma Brown and Jonathan Smith. Absent: Trustee Steve Orlandi and Tom Bouchey. Employees: Dave Post, John Burr. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Jody Vandever, Daryl Peterson, Steve Achatz, Becky Rivard.

The meeting was called to order by President Hornbacher at 2:00 p.m.

**Trustee Jonathan Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Velma Brown to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Dave Post** read CBDG Application Resolution 2025-10 A Resolution Authorizing Participation In A Joint Application For The 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program And Designating A Lead Applicant.

**President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Jonathan Smith to approve Resolution 2025-10 A Resolution Authorizing Participation In A Joint Application For The 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program And Designating A Lead Applicant. All in favor. Motion carried.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10**

##### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT APPLICATION FOR THE 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING A LEAD APPLICANT**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman recognizes the need for infrastructure improvements that benefit the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has made Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds available through the 2025 Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman desires to collaborate with Township of Hillman to submit a joint application for CDBG funding to address shared infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman has agreed to serve as the lead applicant and administrator of the grant on behalf of the participating communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman has agreed to provide all matching funds, administration and project oversight;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Hillman hereby:

1. Authorizes participation in a joint application for the 2025 CDBG WRI Program;
2. Designates Village of Hillman as the lead applicant for the purposes of submitting the application and administering the grant;
3. Commits to cooperating fully with the lead applicant in the implementation of the project, including providing necessary documentation and support;
4. Authorizes the Village of Hillman Manager, David J. Post to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Ann Williams, Clerk

**President Dave Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Jonathan Smith to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Ann Williams, Clerk