The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 6:00 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, Tom Bouchey, Steve Orlandi and Velma Brown. Employees: Emma Niswonger, Dave Post and Jan McMurray. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Brad Arnold, Becky Rivard with Huron Engineering, Judy Nichols with Brush Creek Mill and Ron Floer.

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

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

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes from May 20, 2025, Council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes from May 30, 2025, Council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to pay the bills including the additional bills with check numbers 37654 to \*. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Becky Rivard** from Huron Engineering reported that the Category B Grant is a 50/50 Grant, with up-front funding. **President Dave Hornbacher** suggested we up our original approved investment from \$150,000 to \$210,000. We have the funds in the Streets Fund.

Manager Dave Post read Resolution 2025-11.

Resolution 2025-11 Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B
Program Funding

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman is applying for \$420,000 in funding through MDOT from the Transportation Economic Development Category B Program to construct an HMA Overlay on the following Village Streets:

Lowell Street from State Street to west end Green Lane from Golf View Court to Country Club Drive Beech St from North State Street to east end Lynn Street from S State St to the east end Adams Street from East First Street to East Third Street West Second Street from Elizabeth Street to North State Street East Third Street from north State Street to the east end Jonathon Street from CR 451 to east end Pine Street from Jonathan Street to north end South County Street from Veterans Memorial Highway to Lynn Street East Riverside Drive from Country Club Drive to east end East First Street from N State Street to Adams Street East Second Street from N State Street to Adams Street West Third Street from McKinley Street to North State Street Austin Street from West third Street to north end Pearl Street from West Third Street to north end Elizabeth Street from West Third Street to north end West Progress Street from west end to Caring Street And

WHEREAS, MDOT requires a formal commitment from the public agency that will be receiving these funds and will implementing and maintaining these infrastructure projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Village has authorized Dave Post, to act as agent on behalf of the Village to request Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program funding, to act as the applicant's agent during the project development, and to sign a project agreement upon receipt of a funding award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Village attests to the existence of, and commits to, providing at least \$210,000 toward the construction costs of the project(s), and all costs for design, permit fees, administration costs, and cost overruns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Village commits to owning, operating, funding and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with Transportation Economic Development fund Category B Program funding.

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2025.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Ann Williams, Clerk

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt Resolution 2025-11 Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program Funding. All in Favor. Motion carried.

The council looked over the CD rates at Huntington and the consensus was to pick 3.55% for 3 months.

Becky went over proposal for culvert on Elizabeth Street. Most of the cost is Geotech which is to find out how much weight the soil can hold. President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the Huron Engineering Proposal on the Elizabeth Street culvert. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Brad Arnold** introduced himself as a Master Electrician for 20 years. He would be available to do electrical work for the Village.

Manager Post reported that the Grant for funding of the new well got in last week. Property Sale was completed last week. There was a \$300 discrepancy. He had the Council read an email from the attorney, Tim Gulden, in which he admits to an error in the paperwork for the sale of 15775 Pine Street. In the email, the attorney suggests that the Attorney will donate the \$300 to Habitat to Humanity. President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to agree with Tim Gulden's suggestion and let the attorney make up the \$300 difference. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Post reported that the conditions of the Habitat CDBG (Community Development Plan Grant) has requirements that Habitat must have the plans in place and addresses for all the parcels they will build homes on. Along with stamped water and sewer and road plans. All of this is due by September 17, 2025. He is worried things won't get done in time. Becky said they have been hired by Habitat, and she is confident that these things will get done. Dave will be setting up a meeting with Habitat, himself, Emma Niswonger, Ann Williams, Dave Hornbacher and Jan McMurray. He has an MML (Michigan Municipal League)

meeting on June 20. The CCR (Consumer Confidentiality Report) has been sent to EGLE (Environment Great Lakes and Energy) for review. We can drill near or rehab well #7 and it will be included in the CDBG grant. We will set up a meeting with Samatha about the murals Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> and/or Friday 13<sup>th</sup> after 11:00 a.m. Dave would like to hire new computer tech, Phil Clark, at \$50 for the first hour and \$30 an hour for every hour after. Consensus of the Council was to go ahead.

President Hornbacher proposed that 3 delinquent water bills be added to the customers property tax bills. President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to apply the delinquent water bills to customer tax bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion pursued about how long to keep the airport open for brush drop off. The consensus of the Council was to keep open until the brush has been chipped.

Manager Post reported that the park has ordered and received the post to begin fencing for the pickleball court. We can get going on the Master Plan and take down the survey from the website. Lift station went down by the bridge and well 11 capacity is slowing down so it may need to be cleaned again. 5-year study will be ready by the end of June.

**Judy Nichols** thanked the Council for the ongoing work for the A/C unit in the upstairs area of Brush Creek Mill. When she spoke with Mike about the memorial tree for Jack Mathias, he did have a spot for it in the park, but he had a better suggestion of planting it on the lawn of Brush Creek Mill. She will present it to the board of Brush Creek Mill and would like to go with the lawn at the Mill. She has 16 flowerpot locations and will submit her map so John can drop pots off. June 20, 2025, is the opening of Black Squirrel Bakery.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Ann Williams, Clerk

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