The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the east-end of the conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI 49746. Present: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustees: Velma Brown, Steve Orlandi, Tom Bouchey and Jonathan Smith. Employees: Manager Dave Post, Bookkeeper Emma Niswonger, DPW Supervisor John Burr. Visitors: Judy Nichols, Ron Floer, Ted Fines with Habitat for Humanity, Mark Herman from Huron Engineering and Michael and Diane Rousseau.

President Hornbacher opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the minutes from May 5, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 38468 - 38508.

Ted Fines with Habitat for Humanity gave an update on the subdivision of Orchard Pines II. The MSHDA Grant has been approved for 1.3 million dollars. They will have to build 14 homes in 2 years to meet conditions of the grant. The NOI (Notice of Intent) needs to be submitted. Dave Post is working on that with Habitat. The two new streets will be named Mathias Avenue and Jan's Boulevard in honor of Jack and Jan Mathias.

Mark Herman with Huron Engineering reported that the plat map will need to be approved once completed. It will include the water/sewer lines. It will be presented soon.

Dave Post read Resolution 2026-10 Excessive Force Policy. **Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve Resolution 2026-10 Excessive Force Policy. All in favor. Motion carried.**

VILLAGE OF HILLMAN RESOLUTION 2026-10

EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF HILLMAN, ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS.

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States has passed the Armstrong/Walker "Excessive Force" Amendment (Section 104 (L)(1) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended) prohibiting the use of excessive force by a local law enforcement agency against any individual engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstration within its jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Hillman has received a Michigan Community Development Block Grant and is required to comply with the Armstrong/Walker "Excessive Force" Amendment;

AND WHEREAS the use of excessive force against demonstrators may cause the VILLAGE to lose its grant or eligibility for future federal grants;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HILLMAN, MICHIGAN:

It is POLICY of the VILLAGE that the use of excessive force is prohibited by local law enforcement agencies against individuals engaged in lawful and nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within the Village.

The VILLAGE will adopt and enforce a policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within jurisdictions

PASSED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, VILLAGE OF HILLMAN, MICHIGAN.

SIGNED BY: _____ TITLE: _____

DATE: _____ ATTEST: _____

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to waive the reading of Ordinance 2026-01 Village of Hillman Fair Housing Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 Village of Hillman Fair Housing Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.

VILLAGE OF HILLMAN

MONTMORENCY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Ordinance No. 2026-01

VILLAGE OF HILLMAN FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING AND MAKING UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING AND/OR REAL PROPERTY BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, OR DISABILITY IN THE VILLAGE OF HILLMAN

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman, Michigan desires to assure equal opportunity to all residents regardless of race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, sex, or disability, to live in decent, sanitary, and healthful living quarters; and,

WHEREAS, the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan provides as follows in Article I (Section 2): "...no person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of religion, race, color or national origin..." (Section 4) "...The civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of no person shall be diminished or enlarged on account of his religious belief..." (Section 9) "...Neither slavery, nor involuntary servitude unless for the punishment of crime, shall ever be tolerated in this state..." and,

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has provided that "it is the policy of the United States to provide, within constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the United States" and has established by law the following provisions:

"... it shall be unlawful:

a. To refuse to sell or rent after the making of a bona fide offer, or to refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make available or deny, a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

b. To discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin ..."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HILLMAN, MICHIGAN, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY:

a. In furthering the policy of the State of Michigan as expressed in its Constitution and other Laws, in order that the safety and general welfare, peace and health of all the inhabitants of the Village may be ensured, it is hereby declared the policy of the Village of Hillman, Michigan, to assure equal opportunity to all residents, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or physical disability to live in decent, sanitary, healthful, standard living quarters.

b. It is the policy of the Village of Hillman that no owner, lessee, sub-lessee, assignee, managing agent, or other person, firm or corporation having the right to sell, rent, lease (or otherwise control) any housing accommodation and/or real property within the Village, or any agent of these shall refuse to sell, rent, lease, or otherwise deny to or withhold from any person or group of persons such housing accommodations and/or real property because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability of such person or persons or discriminate against any person or persons because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed or disability in the conditions, terms, privileges of the sale, rental or lease of any housing accommodation and/or real property or in the furnishing of facilities and/or services in connection therewith.

c. Relocation shall be carried out in a manner that will promote maximum choice within the community's total housing supply; lessen racial, ethnic, and economic concentrations; and facilitate desegregation and racially inclusive patterns of occupancy and use of public and private facilities.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS:

Unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, the following terms shall have the meaning as described in this Section and as used in this Ordinance.

a. DISCRIMINATE - The terms "discriminate" or "discrimination" mean any difference expressed in any way toward a person or persons in the terms of the sale, exchange, lease, rental or financing for housing accommodation and/or real property in regard to such sale, exchange, rental, lease or finance because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability of such person.

b. HOUSING ACCOMMODATION - The term "housing accommodation" includes any building, structure, or portion thereof which is used or occupied, maintained, arranged or designed to be used or occupied as a home, residence or sleeping place of one or more human beings, or any real estate so used, designed or intended for such use.

c. REAL PROPERTY - The term “real property” means any real estate, vacant land, building, structure or housing accommodations within the corporate limits of the Village of Hillman, Michigan.

d. REAL ESTATE BROKER - The term “real estate broker” means any person, partnership, association, corporation and/or agent thereof, who for a fee or other valuable consideration offers, sells, purchases, exchanges or rents, or negotiates for the sale, purchase, exchange or rental of a housing accommodation and/or real property of another, or collects rental for the use of housing accommodation and/or real property of another.

e. FINANCIAL INSTITUTION - The term “financial institution” means any person, institution or business entity of any kind which loans money to persons and receives as security for said loans a secured interest of any kind in the real property of the borrower.

f. OWNER - An “owner” means any person/persons who hold legal or equitable title to, or own any beneficial interest in any real property or who hold legal or equitable title to shares of, or hold any beneficial interest in any real estate cooperative which owns any real property and/or housing accommodations.

g. DECENT, SANITARY, HEALTHFUL STANDARD LIVING QUARTERS - “Decent, sanitary, healthful standard living quarters” is housing which is in sound, clean, and weather tight condition in conformance with applicable local, state, and national codes.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITED ACTS:

It shall be unlawful for any owner of real estate, lessee, sub-lessee, real estate broker or salesman, financial institution or employee of the financial institution, advertiser, or agent of any or all of the foregoing, to discriminate against any person or persons because of their race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability with regard to the sale, exchange or rental, or any dealing concerning any housing accommodation and/or real property.

In addition to the foregoing, it shall also be unlawful for any real estate broker or employee thereof, owner or other person, or financial institution dealing with housing or real property in the Village of Hillman, Michigan:

a. To discriminate against any person in the availability of or the price, terms, conditions, or privileges of any kind relating to the sale, rental, lease, or occupancy of any housing accommodation or real property in the Village or in furnishing of any facilities or services in connection therewith.

b. To publish or circulate, or cause to be published or circulated, any notice, statement or advertisement, or to announce a policy, or to use any form of application, for the purchase, lease, rental or financing of real property, or to make any record of inquiry in connection with the prospective purchase, rental or lease of such real estate, which expresses directly or indirectly any discrimination as to race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed or disability of any person.

c To discriminate in connection with lending money, guaranteeing loans, accepting mortgages or otherwise obtaining or making available funds for the purchase, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of any housing accommodation and/or real property.

d. To solicit for sale, lease, or listing for the sale or lease, of any housing accommodation and/or real property on the grounds of loss of value because of the present or prospective entry into any neighborhood of any person or persons of any particular race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability.

e. To distribute or cause to be distributed, written material or statements designed to induce any owner or any housing accommodation and/or real property to sell or lease his or her property because of any present or prospective change in the race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability of persons in the neighborhood.

f. To make any misrepresentations concerning the listing for sale or the anticipated listing for sale or the sale of any housing accommodation and/or real property for the purpose of inducing or attempting to induce the sale or listing for sale of any housing accommodation and/or real property by representing that the presence or anticipated presence of persons of any particular race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability in the area will or may result in the lowering of property values in the block, neighborhood or area in which the property is located.

g. For an owner to solicit any real estate broker to sell, rent or otherwise deal with such owner's housing accommodations and/or real property with any limitation on its sale based on race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability.

h. For an owner to refuse to sell, rent, or otherwise deal with any housing accommodation and/or real property because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability of the proposed buyer or tenant.

SECTION 4. PENALTY:

A violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a municipal civil infraction. Any person found responsible for violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars ($100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00), plus costs as provided by statute. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. This Section shall in no way abrogate or impair the right of the Village of Hillman, Michigan, to specifically enforce, by any legal means, any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5:

All Ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are expressly repealed and are of no other force and effect.

SECTION 6:

It is the intention of the Village Council of the Village of Hillman, Michigan that this Ordinance and every provision thereof shall be considered separable, and the invalidity of any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7:

This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 2026-01 of the Village of Hillman, Michigan, and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, recording, and publication in accordance with law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Hillman at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of May, 2026.

I further certify that the following Council members were present at the meeting: Dave Hornbacher, Velma Brown, Steve Orlandi, Tom Bouchey and Jonathan Smith

and that the following Council members were absent: None.

I further certify that Council member Trustee Jonathan Smith moved for adoption of the ordinance, and that the motion was supported by Council member Trustee Steve Orlandi.

I further certify that the following Council members voted for the adoption of the ordinance: Dave Hornbacher, Velma Brown, Steve Orlandi, Tom Bouchey and Jonathan Smith

and that the following Council members voted against its adoption: None.

_____ Dated: _____

Ann Williams

Village of Hillman Clerk

CERTIFICATION AS TO PUBLICATION, RECORDATION, AND AUTHENTICATION

We, Dave Hornbacher, Village of Hillman President, and Ann Williams, Village of Hillman Clerk, do hereby certify that the above ordinance was published in the Montmorency County Tribune on the

27th day of May, 2026, that the ordinance has been recorded in the Village record of ordinances book on the 28th day of May, 2026, and that the ordinance is hereby authenticated by the placement of our signatures below.

_____ Dated: _____

Dave Hornbacher, Village of Hillman President

_____ Dated: _____

Ann Williams, Village of Hillman Clerk

Dave Post read the Policy Non-Discrimination on Basis of Handicap. **Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to adopt the Non-Discrimination on Basis of Handicap Policy. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the Procurement Policy for the use of Disaster Recovery CDBG Funds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to adopt Section 3 Policy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve UGLG Public Participation Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported Trustee Smith to approve UGLG Grievance Policy. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the Section 504 ADA Self Evaluation. Copies will need to be sent to Becky Rivard at Huron Engineering.

The Council reviewed the Emerick Park Campground Rules and decided to have them posted in the bathroom of the campground.

Dave Post asked the Council if they would like to purchase ink pens this year. The consensus of the Council was yes, get ink pens. **Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to purchase pens. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Dave reported that the Village Office has been holding onto a check from Fremont Insurance Company because we are in the State program in which a check is sent to the Village Office to hold in case a burned home doesn't get torn down. We need to pay Harold Smith because he has done the work and to restore the burned property. The Council decided to deposit the Insurance check, and we will issue a Village check to Mr. Smith.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to issue a check to Harold Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to add $24,096.00 to the bills list for the check to Harold Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Post reported that MSHDA has let the Village and Habitat reapply for the CDBG grant again for the infrastructure of Orchard Pines II and it was granted. There will be a public hearing on June 2, 2026. He also reported that he will be out of the office on May 21st for a NEMCOG meeting. The Village will be meeting with Allen Edwin Homes, a company that would like to build homes in the Village. Dave plans to recommend for them to work with Habitat for Humanity to get Orchard Pines completed.

Dave reported that he talked with Tony Smit at Michigan Aeronautics. "The State Approach Plan" would need to be put into the Hillman Township Zoning and it would require clear zones at each end of the airport. And as far as paying the landowners, the required language is not currently in the Township Zoning; therefore, the Village would likely have no choice but to pay the landowners to take the trees down at the airport.

Dave also reported that the memorial service for Mary Fitzgerald will be Wednesday, May 20 at 3 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Hillman. He will be going and invited the Council to join him as Mary's husband, John, is a former Trustee of the Council.

Dave read Resolution 2026-11 Brush Creek Proclamation. **President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve Resolution 2026-11 Brush Creek Proclamation. All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Village Of Hillman Council Resolution 2026-11
Brush Creek Mill Proclamation

Whereas, on June 26th, 2026, Brush Creek Mill will be celebrating its 20-year anniversary; and

Whereas, Brush Creek Mill provides the social, historic and educational center of the community; and

Whereas, Brush Creek Mill engages in community activities, historic and cultural traditions, volunteer opportunities and interaction with schools along with other community service programs; and

Whereas, Brush Creek Mill provides an environment that promotes family, friendly gathering, learning and cultural perspectives with community events drawing variety of activities and participants.

Now therefore, the Hillman Village Council would like to congratulate Brush Creek Mill on celebrating its 20-year anniversary; and

Further be it, that the Hillman Village Council does proclaim June 26th, 2026, Brush Creek Mill Day and congratulates Brush Creek Mill for 20 years of service to Hillman and the surrounding area.

Yeas: 5
Nays: 0

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Dave Hornbacher, Village President Ann Williams, Village Clerk

The Council reviewed the estimate for the American Steel Carport for the airport. They approved this expense in the last fiscal year, and it was budgeted for this year. However, the Council has tabled purchasing the carport until the end of July or beginning of August.

Emma reported that we received $946.00 from the State of Michigan for Public Safety Revenue. She asked where to put the funds. The consensus of the Council

was to pass the funds along to the Fire Department and recommend use on their "Safety Days" program. **Trustee Orland made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to pay the Fire Department $946.00 recommending use for the Public Safety Days Program, and to be added into the bills to be paid. All in favor. Motion carried.**

John Burr reported that the new Park Manager is doing well. Things are getting done. **Emma** reported that the pavilion rental in now on the website. **President Hornbacher** reported that the overbooked party on the pavilions did agree to campsite 10 in lieu of a pavilion. He also reported that the cameras has been installed.

Dave Post reported that at the State level in zoning they accept duplexes in R1 (Residential 1). And the State has made the change that a lot can be down to 1400 square feet. And they are allowing accessory dwellings everywhere.

Trustee Orlandi brought up the large tree on the property of Sharon Young's lot on Elizabeth Street. Sharon wants the Village to take the tree down, but there is a question as to whether the tree is in the easement or on her property. Without a survey, there is no definite answer. The Village had John Burr from DPW trim limbs last summer from the tree. We may have John trim more limbs this summer.

Dave Post reported that Becky from Huron Engineering has plans ready on the new wells. She also has 3 bids for the Category B Paving grant.

Judy Nichols reported that the Annual Yard Sale will be this Saturday at Brush Creek Mill. They will accept donations until Friday, May 22nd. Blessing of the Bikes is May 30th. The will be doing a "Fun Run" following. The Chamber road clean up went very well and they had a lot of participation from the High School Honor Society.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Dave Hornbacher, Village President Ann Williams, Village Clerk