The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 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: Jonathan Smith, Tom Bouchey, Steve Orlandi and Velma Brown. Employees: Manager Dave Post and Bookkeeper Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Sargeant Breed from Montmorency County Sheriff Office, Yvonne Swagger from Montmorency County Tribune, Ron Floer, Judy Nichols from Brush Creek Mill and Dan Smith, Auditor.

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

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the agenda with the addition of Dan Smith the auditor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to approve the minutes from May 19, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 38509 through . All in favor. Motion carried.

Sargeant Breed from Montmorency Sheriff Office reported that his staff is ramping up for the intake of people coming to the area for the summer. There was a complaint that cars are speeding through town headed north.

Dan Smith, Auditor, reported that his company completed the yearly audit, and he stated the financial statements are fairly represented and in pretty good shape. He briefly went over his comprehensive audit results with the Council and there were no questions for him.

Dave Post reported that the contract was locked into place with American Steel for the carport at the airport. He found some zoning references in the Zoning Enabling Act, of which he sent to Tim Gulden and Denise Cline. He is hopeful we can put something together to put in the Hillman Township Zoning in regard to the airport.

Dave also reported that the opening bids for the MDOT Cat B project for paving included the following 4 bids:

Pyramid Paving $514,321
Goodrich $654,216
Payne & Dolan $489,835
Bolan Asphalt $532,058

Huron Engineering is tallying them up to send to MDOT for approval.

Dave also reported that progress on the water wells is moving along, but slowly. The SHPO info has been submitted, and we are waiting on approval from EGLE. He reminded the Council that brush pick up had been that day, June 2nd and it went well. Dave Post, Dave Hornbacher and two planning commission members met with Allen-Edwin Builders. They are interested in building homes in our area and seem to want to work with Habitat for Humanity to get the homes built in Orchard Pines 11.

Dave also reported that he will be out of town on June 16th at the time of the next Council meeting. We will be doing a public hearing for the MSHDA CDBG grant that night. He will make sure everything is lined out for the Council. He will also be gone June 23-25. He has a meeting with Denise Cline on June 3rd to finish up the updated zoning ordinance.

Emma had a list of 5 severely delinquent water customers that she needs approval from the board to have the water bills added to the Village Tax bills.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to add the 5 water delinquent bill customers to their 2026 tax bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

Emma also reported that she reconciled May and emailed the documents to the board. BS&A "go live" date is June 15, 2026. Emma asked if we are going to buy tablets so DPW can enter meter reads directly. The answer was yes, once we have the new wells in place.

The Council reviewed the estimate prices on the fireproof cabinets and decided on the 4-drawer cabinet from U-line. **President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to purchase model no. H-4806 for $2,170 from U-line. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Trustee Brown reported that the airport will soon need the big mower for the runway. DPW will be starting on cutting trees very shortly.

Dave Post reported that the new manager for the park is doing quite well. Bruce Brown's wife is not doing very well physically, and he will probably quit his part-time position in the park to take care of her. Logan said he thought he could manage both positions.

President Hornbacher reported that the fire department had 13 runs last month and they have a couple trainings this month. EMS had 49 runs. 2025 audit was completed and the books have been closed. New windows are going into the station.

Judy Nichols reported that the 20th anniversary for Brush Creek Mill is June 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. They are requesting that a council member be there to present Resolution 2026-11 The Brush Creek Mill Proclamation. Dave Post said he would present it to them and other Council members agreed to attend the ceremony. Judy invited the Council to the Mill to view the butterflies that are on display and in different stages of life.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to pay $98 to Protec for yearly fee. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Dave Hornbacher, Village President Ann Williams, Village Clerk

Village of Hillman Managers Report – June 16, 2026

1. We have received a email from some state archivist stating he couldn't confirm an annexation from the 1980s and saying a parcel is left out. I sent him a bunch of annexation info. I know if there is a parcel that was left out in the description, the final description is written by the County. The Village passes a resolution and then sends the resolution and petition for annexation. The County then holds a public hearing and approves their own resolution and submits it to the State. Any annexations for the Village must be at the County clerk's office.

2. There is a public hearing for the MSHDA CDBG application. This is the same application as before. Habitat is proposing building 14 homes. The Village will have up to two years to build the infrastructure, and Habitat will have one year after that to get the homes done with people in them. If the project doesn't get completed, (all the homes built and occupied) the Village would have to pay back that grant money. The Village Council should have a performance agreement with Habitat and maybe a bond.

3. The Category B project is moving along. At this time, the bids were opened, Huron Engineering went through them and submitted them to the State for review. Becky from Huron will be at the meeting and the Council can approve.

4. The new wells have been approved for drilling, SHPO has given their go ahead. We are just waiting for final plans.

5. The Village needs to get some projects wound down. Hopefully the zoning re-write will be done soon and the Master Plan.

6. Enclosed are the info sent to the Village about the airport. This would have to go into the Hillman Twp zoning. How does the Council want to proceed?

7. I have asked Tim Gulden to look at the ZBA and planning commission by-laws for any changes needed. I will get them to the Council and planning changes.

Dave Post, Village Manager Have a good weekend.