The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 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, Velma Brown, Steve Orlandi and Tom Bouchey. Absent: None. Clerk: Ann Williams. Employees: Manager Dave Post and Emma Niswonger. Visitors: Ron Floer, Mark Herman and Becky Rivard from Huron Engineering and Surveying, Yvonne Swagger from Montmorency County Tribune and Judy Nichols from Brush Creek Mill.

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

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 June 16, 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 38576-38604. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to rescind Resolution 2026-12 Village of Hillman funding for Partnership with Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan for Infrastructure and Affordable Housing Authorizing Resolution. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Post read Resolution 2026-13 Village of Hillman funding for Partnership with Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan for Infrastructure and Affordable Housing Authorizing Resolution.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to approve Resolution 2026-13 Village of Hillman funding for Partnership with Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan for Infrastructure and Affordable Housing Authorizing Resolution. All in favor. Motion carried.

VILLAGE OF HILLMAN FUNDING FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NORTHEAST MICHIGAN FOR

INFRASTRUCTURE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 2026-13

WHEREAS the Michigan State Housing Development Authority through the MI Neighborhood Community Development Block Grant program has accepted a letter of intent to submit a full grant application for $1,239,000 million; AND

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman, Michigan, is committed to increasing availability of affordable housing for current residents and interested individuals and families who want to live and work in the Village of Hillman; AND

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman desires to request $1,239,000 million in CDBG funds in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan to assist with and extend infrastructure to Orchard Pines Subdivision 2, Phase l, which will include roads, water, electricity, sewer and other utilities for the development of up to 14 homes and is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; AND

WHEREAS, the Village of Hilman commits local funds and in-kind services in the amount of $30,000.00 and Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan commits $1,270,000 million to the proposed project; AND

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman will serve as the fiduciary agent and contract manager of the grant award through project completion and work in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Northeast to ensure all guidelines and requirements for the grant are followed as the MSHDA CDBG program directs; AND

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents within the Village limits and 65 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, the project will be for the purpose of providing permanent residential structures, which upon completion will meet the Housing and Urban Development requirement that 51% or more be occupied by low or moderate-income households (this is a housing infrastructure project); 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 State Housing Development Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Hillman herby designates David J. Post, Village Manager to do the following:

1. As the authorized Unit of General Local Government (UGLI) certifying official.
2. As the authorized person to submit the CDBG application and all attachments.
3. As the authorized person to sign the Grant Agreement, all amendments and payment request.
4. As the authorized NEPA Environmental Review Certifying Officer
5. And any other task that may be required to carry out and complete the grant.

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Dave Hornbacher, President Ann Williams, Clerk

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Date Date

Mark Herman with Huron Engineering presented preliminary plats of Orchard Pines 2 Phase 1 that Habitat for Humanity is building. Once the plat is approved it will then move to the Equalization Department so addresses and tax parcel ID's can be applied. Phase 2 will need another grant process. The subdivision will need access from Co Rd 459 for construction traffic.

Becky Rivard from Huron Engineering reported that included in the plat is water and sewer lines in the easement. Habitat for Humanity will need to get permits from EGLE and a separate EGLE Wetlands permits. Habitat for Humanity will pay for those permits.

Becky also reported that the Category B Paving project has been pushed back until the end of July. At the request of the Council, she is getting it approved to swap paving Green Street for First Street. She also reported that bids will open for well drilling in the next week and will run for 3 weeks.

Dave Post reported that the EGLE grant for cleanup where the Black Squirrel is will be closed out soon. The permits for drilling the water wells at the school and well #7 have come the office. The culverts on Third St have washout around them due to the flooding this spring. Becky Rivard has rough design to fix the washout. He also reported that he is working on some revisions to the ZBA and Planning Commission by-laws to make sure they are to date.

Dave also reported that he spoke to the owner of Next Phase and they are having trouble selling the equipment from his gluten-free business. He asked if the Village could sell and it could go against the HELP Loan that still has a balance. Dave wants to send photos of the extruder to a company in New Jersey. Taxes on the property have been kept up to date.

Emma reported that included in the agenda packet was a large water bill of $1,328.73 it showed an excess of 216,000 gallons of water used at the property. DPW have not been able to get the water meter exchanged for a new one yet and asked the Council what they would like to do with the excessively high bill.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to charge the normal bill rate for water at $54.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Emma reported that the BS&A training was complete with the exception of one day. We have had a couple hiccups, but in all, the software transition has went smoothly. Customers should be able to view their utilities and tax bills online now. She also reported that her classes have been completed and she is now on summer break.

Ann reported that the Township will be paying to have all the carpets cleaned in the Community Center including the Village office.

Trustee Brown reported that Mark has been cleaning tie downs and mowing at the airport. He still needs the windsocks. Someone dumped old pallets and stumps at the airport and Mark has been getting rid of them and closed the gate halfway in an attempt to deter further dumps.

The airport Approach Plans were tabled until next meeting.

Dave reported that the Master plan should be finished at the July 20th Planning Commission meeting and the updates to the by-laws will be updated in the August meeting. The speed bump is working in the park. A plumber was called to the

park last week because one of the pedestal sinks was not working. An electrician came out and changed a breaker at a campsite; however, he recommended to upgrade from 200 amp to 300 amp.

President Hornbacher reported that the fire department had 8 runs last month and have had 60 so far this year. EMS has updated their policy that after 3 lift/assist calls they can charge $50 per visit. New ambulance has been updated to be delivered mid-2028.

President Hornbacher also reported that there is one streetlight out across from Fotchman's.

Judy Nichols from Brush Creek Mill expressed gratitude and thankfulness to the Council for their part and support in the celebration for the twentieth anniversary of Brush Creek Mill. This Sunday, July 12, 2026, is the Golf outing. She reminded the Council that the funds from this Golf outing finance grants they give to community leaders helping children. Last year they gave away $16,000.00. She reported that they had a request from American Red Cross to utilize the Mill as a "safe shelter" for daytime use in the event of extreme cold or heat. **President Hornbacher** answered that the Mill does not have a generator and the Senior Citizen Center is being utilized for that purpose in the Village already.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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Dave Hornbacher, President Ann Williams, Clerk

Village of Hillman Managers Report – July 21, 2026

1. There is a planning commission meeting July 20th at 6 PM if any Council members would like to attend. We are discussing the final draft of the Master Plan. Let me know if your want a copy sent to you. Also, Denise Cline sent the final draft of the updated zoning if you would like a copy.

2. Tim Gulden is working on the MOU from Habitat.

3. The contract for paving with Payne & Dolan is signed.

4. The water well bid docs are out. The deadline is 10 AM August 3rd. If you want to review, go to the Village website, open the call for bids and in that is a link to the bid docs.

5. The grant for the cleanup where the black squirrel is has been closed out.

6. The Village has a help loan request. Please call Dave Hornbacher or me for details. The Council will need to approve the loan at the HELP committee's suggestion. Enclosed are the notes.

7. I sent out the State Drinking Water Revolving Fund suggestions that has the Village of Hillman in them for over $6 million in funding. Please review and we need to discuss this. It would include $1.2 million in grant.

8. Frontier has sent a letter saying they are doing away with any copper connections in Michigan. The water wells get called for water through that system. This will happen soon. We can tell them it will adversely affect our operations.

Dave Post, Village Manager Have a good weekend.