The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 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: Steve Orlandi, Tom Bouchey, Jonathan Smith and Velma Brown. Absent: None. Employees: Dave Post, Manager, and Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Ron Floer, Daniel MacNicol and Janice MacNicol.

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

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the agenda with a corrected date of August 4, 2026, and an addition of including the MacNichol's to the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes with the following correction: On the first page, next to last paragraph it should read, "There was a brief discussion", not, "There wasn't any discussion." All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to pay the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 38632-38667. All in favor. Motion carried.

Emma reported that due to the software conversion, the first week of June's financial transactions are still not "registering" in the new system; however, BS&A are working on it.

Daniel MacNicols addressed the Council and asked when we were going to complete the work in the alley behind his property which is between Veterans Memorial Highway and Maple Street. Elmer's had given an estimate for the completion of work last year. Mr. MacNicol had to move a lot of items so the work could be done. He has cleared the area and hoping it could be done before winter because he has to pay someone for snow removal in the alley as the Village doesn't plow there. **President Hornbacher** informed him that the Council would have to look at the budget left for streets and we are waiting on an Invoice for the paving that was just completed last week in order to determine if we can proceed this year or not.

Dave Post reported:

1. That the well drilling bids were moved to 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2026.
2. He sent out the DWSRF (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund) stating the Village is on the list. It could be up to a 6-million-dollar loan with 1.2 million as loan forgiveness or "grant". The drawbacks to the loan is that the grant portion or loan forgiveness is proportional so if we took a loan out for 1 million the grant portion would be significantly lower. A one-million-dollar loan at 1% interest at 40 years is still $40,000 a year. We would also have to hire a financial manager to satisfy requirements of the State.
3. The Master Plan is now available on the Village website for review.
4. Enclosed in the packet was 3 years of spending and he wanted to show the increase of the cost of everything, from electric, attorney fees, wages and audit fees, everything.
5. He talked to Frontier about the copper call system for the wells and they are going to try to help with the situation. John Burr had a meeting with Allband and they are also looking into a solution.
6. The paving was completed and the streets look good. Still waiting on an Invoice.
7. He gave the Council a copy of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between us and Habitat that our Attorney had revised. Did the Council want to send the revised one to Habitat?
   President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to send the revised MOU to Habitat. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Emma will be out all next week for vacation.

Trustee Brown brought up the yearly inspections of the hangars at the airport. It has been difficult to get the owners to meet on a specific day. Does she still need to do them? The consensus of the Council was yes, even if the inspection was done completely outside to ensure there are no flammable liquids or such on the premises. She also wants to increase the cost of the hangar rent to $750. **Trustee Brown made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to raise the rent of the hangars to $750. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Dave reported that Standard Heating had to update a form on the boiler system at Emerick Park after the State did an inspection. VJ Day is Saturday and the Park will be very busy and full.

President Hornbacher reported that there were 13 runs and 73 for the year thus far for the Fire Department. The Fire Department went to the county fair and also had Safety Days. EMS had 53 runs and 366 for the year thus far. They are looking for a used touch screen laptop because the one they had is broken. The Association bought lockers for the firefighters.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Ann Williams, Clerk

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1. The Council will need to approve the bid for drilling the wells and give me or Dave Hornbacher permission to sign the grant agreement. Becky should be at the meeting to help us through. I sent the bid sheets and bid tabs.

2. The Council needs to determine what you like to fund if the Council decides to take the DWRLF monies. Some items that could be funded would be new meters, a river crossing. Any ideas.

3. There is a planning commission meeting August 17th at 6 Pm if anyone would be interested in attending. We hope to look at and approve the final draft of the updated zoning document.

4. There is a Nemcog meeting Aug 20th at 10 AM in Gaylord.

5. Enclosed is a report from Hillman Comm Radio.

6. Enclosed is a email from Fortistar. They owned the old Hillman Power site.

Dave Post, Village Manager Have a good weekend.