The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 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, Steve Orlandi and Tom Bouchey. Absent: Velma Brown. Employees: Manager Dave Post and Bookkeeper Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Ron Floer, Judy Nichols and Becky Rivard with Huron Engineering.

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

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 with the following corrections: on page one, it should read, "President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to award the water well bid to EMPI and have Dave Post, Manager as the signer on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) water grant." Not, "CBDG (Community Building Development Grant)". On page 2: It should read, "She agreed to have the numbers by the next Council meeting on September 1, 2026". Not "September 8, 2026". On page 3, under bullet 4 of Dave Post reports there is a typo it should read, "They owned the old Hillman Power Plant site, and they are going to proceed with converting it towards a battery storage facility." Not, "they "ae" going to proceed with converting it towards a battery storage facility". All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to pay the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 38698- 38720. All in favor. Motion carried.

Emma reported that she has balanced with the auditor and everything should run more smoothly from now on.

Becky Rivard reported:

1. She emailed the bill to us from the paving company who completed the paving project in the Village. Once paid she can close out the grant, and then we will have to send a refund because the project came in under budget.

2. Update on the well project is that Huron Engineering will meet with MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) on September 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
3. The numbers for the DWSRF (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund) Grant promised from last meeting are as follows for the tank mixer and cathodic protective stem in the water tower, SCADA systems for the wells, boring a new looping line and new meters would collectively run about $1,250,000.
4. Work on First Street did not get approved by the grant she had applied to. We can wait until another grant is available.
5. The storm sewer plans are now ready in the Habitat project of Orchard Pines II and ready for review.
6. She will have the design of the work needed for Elizabeth Street complete and put on the shelf soon to wait for grant funds.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to go ahead with DWSRF Grant at $1,250,000 and name Dave Post as the signer. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the paving company $419,268.90 out of the ratio of local and major street funds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Orlandi thanked Becky for all of her hard work on behalf of the Village.

Dave reported:

1. The alley project on Maple Street and the culvert replacement on Third Street will be considered once the paving bill has been paid and we know the balances in Local and Major Street funds.
2. He talked to Alpena Power Company, and they are sending a map that includes all the light poles and meters.
3. We do not have a planning commission meeting in September but will have one in October and they will include Public Hearings for the Master Plan and new Zoning Ordinance.
4. He has an MML Liability and Pool board meeting on September 11, 2026, in the morning at Traverse City.
5. Joey Jackson did get back in touch with him regarding the ADA compliant conversion for the Village website. He is supposed to get with Jim Young (who currently manages our website) and then give the

Village a cost for conversion. It has to be completed by the Spring of 2028.

Ann asked the Council if she could work 3 extra days in the next 2 weeks to collect taxes. So far only 28% of taxes have been collected. The Council said yes.

Dave reported that the inspection had been done at the airport hangars and hardly no one showed up for it. **Emma** reported that 3 hangar rentals have been collected so far at the new increased rental rate.

Dave asked if the Village could remove the handicap port-a-john in the park after this weekend. The consensus of the Council was yes. We have received a zoning permit application for a new sign at the Hilltop Party Store.

President Hornbacher reported that the Fire Department had 7 runs last month, Trainings for the moth that they held went well. EMS had 59 runs for the month of August. He noted that the rate to attend their CPR classes has increased to $50. A new law in effect requires that any EMS Department that have narcotics must have their own DEA Number.

Trustee Orlandi reported that there is a light out on the west side at the top of the hill and there is a hole in the road on the library side of Caring and Progress and with the buses now going over twice a day it will only get bigger. After discussion of the Council, it was decided that they will repair it when they do the alley behind Veterans Memorial Highway and Maple St and the repair on Connor Street.

Judy reported that Brush Creek Mill will turn their attention towards the Apple Dumpling fundraiser on October 3rd. The forms for the Chamber of Commerce for honoring outstanding citizens and non-profit organizations are out and we should put in our nomination before the deadline of September 18, 2026. She reported that Butch Runyon will be in concert at Alpena Community College on September 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Under Old Business, **President Hornbacher** reminded the Council that we should be getting the carport for the airport that they had approved several months ago and wanted to wait until fall.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

President Dave Hornbacher

Clerk Ann Williams