The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 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: Steve Orlandi, Tom Bouchey, Jonathan Smith and Velma Brown. Absent: None. Employees: Manager Dave Post, Bookkeeper Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Judy Nichols, Ron Floer, Les Wedge, Susan Wedge and Steu Scramblin.

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 Brown to approve the agenda with adding a time slot for Mr. and Mrs. Wedges and Mr. Scramblin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the minutes from September 1, 2026, with the following correction: on the 3rd page, in the 5th paragraph it should read, "Connon Street" not "Connor Street". All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 38721 - 38749. All in favor. Motion carried.

Emma went over the Cash Balance Report with the Council.

Steu Scramblin addressed the Council as a representative of the Hillman School Board and asked if the Village could help the school this winter plowing the parking lot at the Elementary School. He said the School finances are over budget and reminded the Council that the school board approved the Village to use the easement at the Highschool for a water well and water house. **President Hornbacher** acknowledged his request and told him the Council would not be making a decision on that proposal tonight.

The floor was then turned to **Les Wedge** who then addressed the Council with a concern that the owner of property near the golf course and a neighbor of his was considering building condos and/or duplexes and it would block the beautiful view they have of the golf course. There is plenty of available acreage around the area that the said owner could use, can the Council do anything to stop the building. **President Hornbacher** acknowledged his complaint and related that the zoning

for the lots in question were zoned recreational residential and duplexes are allowed. President Hornbacher added that when the owner of said property applies for a permit, it would just be given because duplexes are allowed and there would not be any special use or variance of the zoning ordinance.

Dave Post reported to the Council:

1. The paperwork for the well project has been completed and the project can start.
2. The metal carport for the airport will be delivered and installed next week.
3. We have told Team Elmers to go ahead with the repair to the alley between Veterans Memorial and Maple Street. He reminded the Council that when they voted on it they approved $39,400 with a contingency of $5,600 not to exceed $46,000.
4. After paying the Invoice for the street pavers there was a balance of $153,738 in Major Steets and $105,409 in Local Streets.
5. At this time, he still did not have the full electronic version of the CDBG Grant application for the Habitat project.
6. He stated the State Drinking Water Fund project needs to be determined and approved. So far he has new meters, a bore under the river to loop the water, cathodic rods in the water tower to stop rust and a mixer in the water to keep the water from icing or freezing and a SCADA system.
7. He asked the Council about stopping the Capital Group American Fund Simple IRA Plan through ORSA Credit Union. There are currently no employees using it and it could be started up again when needed. **President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to stop the Capital Group American Fund Simple IRA Plan through ORSA. All in favor. Motion carried.**
8. Dave had 3 different cases the MML (Michigan Municipal League) settled on and would like to scan and email them to the Council. The Council agreed.

Emma reported that an airport hangar renter made their check out to Hillman Township, so it had to be sent back. **Trustee Brown** reported that the carport will be at the airport on Friday. During the annual inspection, they noticed a fire extinguisher with a last date of inspection in 1996. After some discussion, the Council will amend the rental agreements to include working and current inspected fire extinguishers. Velma asked about paying Mark for mowing grass and doing work at the airport.

Dave reported that he gave a zoning permit on W. Riverside Dr. and a fence downtown residence.

Judy Nichols reported that the Apple Dumplings fund raiser will be at the Brush Creek Mill on October 3, 2026. This year it will include caramel apples.

The floor then was turned to the Council to vote for their nominations of the Hillman Chamber of Commerce Business of the year, Citizen of the year and Service organization.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to nominate the Black Squirrel for Business of the year. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to nominate Steve Orlandi for citizen of the year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to nominate the Knights of Columbus as Service Organization of the year. 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 6:55 p.m.

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Dave Hornbacher, President Ann Williams, Clerk

Village of Hillman Managers Report – Oct 6, 2026

1. I hope to have a well project for the meeting.

2. The work on the alley between Veterans Memorial Hwy and Maple Street will start this week.

3. Enclosed is the notice of the annual Nemcog meeting and luncheon. Would any Council members like to go?

4. The chamber dinner is Oct 15th. Do Council members want to go?

5. The MISHDA-CDBG grant was submitted. MISHDA is asking for more info.

6. Habitat for Northeast Mich is having their annual meeting at TB Resort. I sent out the invite. The tickets are $150 apiece.

7. The planning commission will meet October 19th and have public nearing on the updated master plan and zoning rewrite. The documents are available for viewing at the Village office or on the Village website.

8. As you know the school has asked for help from the Village. Some important points: First, the school was asked at a school board meeting about compensation for the easements. They waved compensation. Second, the school property is public property. Third, the school should be onboard with the Village trying to get better quality water. The school benefits and area residents with kids benefit. Fourth, residents of the Village pay 16% of the schools property taxes.

Dave Post, Village Manager Have a good weekend.