The Council for the Village of Hillman met in a special session to discuss the Hillman Village CBDG water well project, how to cover the upfront payments cost and needed budget amendments, on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 4:00 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: Velma Brown, Steve Orlandi, Tom Bouchey and Jonathan Smith. Absent: None. Employees: Manager Dave Post and Bookkeeper Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: None.

President Dave Hornbacher opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of the pump house building and generator at the well site. All in favor. Motion carried.

The floor was turned over to **Manager Dave Post** where he directed the Council to look over the Invoices for $309,220.61 to EMPI and $2,497.50 for Hager Consulting. He explained that we were never notified by MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) that we would have to pay first and then get reimbursed. He notified the Council we will have to front-end invoices to EMPI for their entire bid of $840,000.00. Becky at Huron Engineering said the reimbursement should go rather quickly to get the funds back from MEDC.

Dave proposed 2 different scenarios:

1. We could pay in $100,000 increments
2. We could pay in $300,000 increments

Dave then proposed that we could withdraw funds from CDs held at ORSA Credit Union from the Water Fund. Which would total $93,227.59.

Emma then proposed that we could transfer $150,000 from the HELP Fund, $50,000 from the General Fund and with the CD amount of $93,227.59 add $6,772.41 from the Water Fund to make the first $300,000 payment.

After some discussion, **President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the upfront costs for the CBDG water well project in $300,000 increments, withdraw funds from CD Shares 30, 34**

and 37 at ORSA Credit Union to total $93,227.59 and transfer $150,000 from HELP Fund and $50,000 from General Fund to pay the first increment $300,000 for the project. And all will be reimbursed and put back in their respective Funds at the end of the Project. Checks would be made to Haeger Construction in the amount of $2,497.50 and EMPI in the amount of $297,502.50 to total $300,000. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Post then turned their attention to the building estimates with drawings and the generator estimates. 8 x 14 Pump House $19,900, 14 x 14 Pump House $18,046 and the generator $129,600. Discussion ensued over the generator, but no decision was made at this time.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to go with the 14 x 14 Pump House for $18,046. 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 4:26 p.m.

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President Dave Hornbacher Clerk Ann Williams