Village of Hillman Council Meeting, October 20, 2026, at 6 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Correction and approval of minutes from October 6, 2026
3. Approval of Bills
4. Semi-Monthly Review
5. Resolution 2026-14 Procurement Policy and Procedures
6. General Information:

President:
Montmorency County Deputy:
Village Manager: See Manager's Report
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Adobe Acrobat Subscription, MMTA membership renewal
Clerk/Treasurer:
Airport:
Parks/Zoning: Trapper's Tree Trimming Estimate
Fire/Ambulance: David Cloft request to pay for 5 years on airport hangar
Lights/Streets:
Water/Sewer:
Brush Creek Mill:
Road Commission:

Old Business:

Public Comment:

The President has the authority to limit discussion on items if repetition occurs. Public comments are welcome, however, please remember that there are numerous items on the agenda to be addressed so comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Adjournment

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 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 Honbacher. Trustees: Tom Bouchey, Jonathan Smith. Absent: Steve Orlandi and Velma Brown. Employees: Manager Dave Post and bookkeeper Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Judy Nichols, Ron Floer and Yvonne Swagger.

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

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to approve the minutes of September 15, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 23, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to pay the bills including the additional ones with checks 38750 - . All in favor. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher reported that he met with Dave Post, Becky Rivard with Huron Engineering and Matt Smith owner of property on Greene Lane to review and plan for the sewer infrastructure and design. There are a couple options for design. The sewer lines will need to be bored. One bored line could service 2 duplexes or 2 homes and cost about $11,000. The hookup fees will include $1000 per home. Discussion resulted in the consensus of 2 bored lines. One duplex is being started right away.

Dave Hornbacher, Dave Post, Ron Floer and possibly Jonathan Smith will be attending the NEMCOG Annual Luncheon. Dave Post will reserve.

The Council decided to reserve a table along with Hillman Community Radio for the Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner.

Dave Post reported that:

1. The well project is proceeding nicely.
2. The work on the alley between Veterans Memorial Highway and Maple Street will start this week.
3. The MSHDA CDBG grant for the Habitat for Humanity was submitted.
4. Habitat for Northeast Michigan is having their annual meeting at Thunder Bay Resort.
5. The Planning Commission will meet October 19th and have a public hearing on the updated master plan and the zoning rewrite. The documents are available at the Village office or on the website.
6. The school has asked for help from the Village. Some important facts: First, the school was asked at a school board meeting about compensation for the easement. 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 tax.
7. When we made the payment to EMPI for the well project, MEDC is applying that amount to our grant match. We will only get reimbursed $260,000 instead of the full $300,000 because of the match.

Emma reported that she emailed the reconciled September reports.

Next on the agenda under airport was a decision regarding David Cloft wanting to make a 5-year payment on the rental of his hangar at the airport. **President Hornbacher** said we will have to wait until Velma Brown is back in attendance since she is the chairman of the airport.

Dave reported that we have given 2 zoning permits for carports. **Emma** reported that we have only had one pavilion rental at Emerick Park so far for next year. **President Hornbacher** reported that the cameras at the park which were temporarily installed as a demo has reached the demo time. The cost is $4,021.34 and that includes $1,700 for extra storing capacity to keep footage more than 24 hours. The consensus of the board was to look into sourcing other options and return the cameras.

President Hornbacher reported that the fire department had 8 runs. They had a firefighter retire and they hired a firefighter. They have room for 6 firefighters in Canada Creek. EMS had 42 runs. They are having a state inspection on October 19th. Kelly Bennett took Jerry Steinke's place on the board.

President Hornbacher announced Halloween Trick or Treating hours for Halloween will be 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Dave reported that the light on the top of the hill is still dimly lit. He also reported that DPW Supervisor, John Burr, did lead and copper water testing last week. We passed.

Judy Nichols reported that the Apple Fest was a great success at Brush Creek Mill. The next big event will be Halloween followed by the Homemade Soup Sale in November.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Dave Hornbacher, President Ann Williams, Clerk

Village of Hillman Managers Report – Oct 20, 2026

1. The planning commission will be meeting Monday October 19th at 6 PM. The meeting will have public hearings on the updated (new zoning) and the updated master plan. Again, the documents are available on the Village website and I have them on my desktop computer if you would like them sent.

2. MSHDA needed more information on the Neighborhood grant. Jatie from Habitat put it together and sent it. Also, we still have no agreement with Habitat on making sure the Village is not liable for paying back that grant if all the homes aren't built.

3. I did talk to Marcel at MSHDA and filled him in on where we are at on the planning grant and I told him about the community and what the Village has going.

4. The airport license application for 2027 has been sent to the Village. Last year Mark and Dave H signed it.

5. I have copies of the Hillman School line item budget if Council members would like it sent.

Dave Post, Village Manager Have a good weekend.