

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the evening in the east-end conference room of the Hillman Community Center at 24220 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman, Michigan. Present: President Dave Hornbacher, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Trustees: Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, Johnathon Smith, Velma Brown. Employees: Jan McMurray and Dave Post.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Dave Hornbacher.

Correction to the agenda, date change and time, addition to agenda: recycling. **A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the agenda with correction of date and time and addition of recycling. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022, Council meeting, as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve paying the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 35686 through 35723. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher presented the MDOT contract amendment for Crack sealing and painting at the airport. There was an overage of \$403 for a total of \$13,553 so the contract needs to be amended to reflect the overage of \$403, the amount was split, and the Village of Hillman's share is \$202. A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve President Hornbacher to sign the amended contract with MDOT for overage on cracksealing/painting at the Hillman Airport of \$403, with the Village of Hillmans' share of \$202. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: none, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher reported attending a Hillman Township meeting to discuss the issue of recycling, currently the Village shares the cost with Hillman Township. The company who does the recycling has sent notice that costs are going to increase significantly. It was decided to make a final decision at the next

township meeting. Many other individuals are using the recycling trailers other than Village or township residents and it was stated that this is not fair to let the financial burden fall on only 2 communities. **Trustee Brown** suggested contacting the County for possible financial assistance. Several suggested making this a county wide initiative, a decision on whether to keep doing the recycling will be made at a future meeting. **President Hornbacher** brought the issue of a delinquent HELP Loan from early 2003/2004, a lien was put on personal property and that lien is about to expire. The Council will need to review the files and decide if they want to pursue attempts to collect the outstanding debt. Two other outstanding loans for local businesses will be “refinanced” and restructured for personal property used as collateral on their loans. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Smith to refile claims for personal property used as collateral on the Next Phase and Thunder Bay Resort loans. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

Manager Dave Post copied a notice for Council members, from EGLE regarding Lead & Copper testing requirements beginning in 2024. The asset forfeiture form is due, the SPARK grant has been submitted with support letters from the township, the Chamber of Commerce and Fordistar (Hillman Power). Rural Water will be here on Wednesday to continue working on the water study. Three planning commission members have signed up for training on January 11th. A call was made to the Sheriff Department about a street light that was hit and knocked down over the weekend.

President Hornbacher reported that he had attended the airport meeting on December 7th but there was not much to report.

Manager Dave Post reported that Trapper Linesman will be cutting trees in Emerick Park. 47 trees are dead or down. There were no zoning permits issued.

Trustee Orlandi reported a fire board meeting will be held on December 29th, the budget will be discussed, the Village numbers will remain the same for the next budget year.

Manager Dave Post reported that he is waiting for an estimate from Alpena Power for a 3-phase electrical hookup for the lift station on County Club Drive.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer