

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 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 and Velma Brown. Absent: Jonathan Smith. Employees: Emma Niswonger and Dave Post. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Judy Nichols, Daryl Peterson, Charles Arbour with Montmorency County Road Commission and Bill Fisher with Wheels Car Club.

The meeting was called to order by President Hornbacher with the pledge of allegiance at 6 p.m.

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of June 3, 2025, with the following corrections: on Page 4, 1st paragraph the CCR should read (Consumer Confidence Report) not “Confidentially Report”. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Brown made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to pay the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 37687 to 37724. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bill Fisher with Wheels Car Club addressed the Council and asked permission to use the parking lot behind the High-Way Inn for a car show on Sunday, June 21, 2025. He was granted permission.

There was nothing for Budget Review.

Manager Post shared a map of the proposed plats for Orchard Pines with special attention to Phase 1. Habitat for Humanity would begin with 12 plats and 10 houses for the CDBG (Community Development Plan Grant). Dave talked with attorney Tim Gulden, and it would just be a policy change for the airport to charge extra for miscellaneous storage in the hangars. He reported that Becky from Huron Distributing needs to send a map of water system for the CDBG grant for the water wells. There is a company that is interested in the closed power plant for a battery facility. We don't have anything addressing battery facilities in Village zoning. Dave met with both artists for the mural painting. He encouraged the Council to look at both of their websites. He will be out of the office starting Wednesday afternoon (18th) through Friday (20th).

Trustee Brown reported that they have been mowing at the airport. Lights are still out. Once the brush has been chipped, she recommends that the gate be closed and locked to discourage any more traffic.

Manager Post reported that the pickle court fencing is being completed. The Village is hiring Bruce Brown as the temporary summer help at the park. There were 2 permits for zoning.

President Hornbacher reported that there were 27 runs for the EMS. They need a new clothes dryer, audit was postponed to June 3, 2025, they are receiving quotes to have a gap in the front door fixed, the Hubbard Lake truck is in service, they used grant money to purchase gear and radios, they are now using Starlink for hard-to-reach places. He also reported that fire had 5 runs and in the next few years the risk of forest fire will be very high due to all the fallen limbs from this spring ice storm.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the streets are good. The lights that were out have been fixed.

Manager Post reported that the CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) has been completed and a copy attached to the agenda packet and a copy has been sent to all the required places. There is a new pump by the bridge and the lagoons have been mowed.

Judy Nichols reported that she met with the Chamber of Commerce, and they have the manpower and the equipment to move the flowerpots to their respective places. She notified the Council that the board at Brush Creek Mill would like to plant the memorial tree for Jack Mathias in the front-side lawn at the Mill and would like permission. Consensus of the Council was yes, go ahead.

Charles Arbour, Road Commission board member, addressed the Council and wanted to see if there were any concerns or questions for him. The Council did not.

Daryl Peterson addressed the council about multiple concerns over the property near his residence that Habitat Humanity bought and will be building new homes.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Ann Williams, Clerk