

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 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, Velma Brown, Jonathan Smith and Tom Bouchey. Clerk: Ann Williams. Employees: Manager Dave Post, Emma Niswonger and Mike Wilson. Visitors: Ron Floer, Judy Nichols and Becky Rivard with Huron Engineering and Pete Radecki with The Black Squirrel.

The meeting was called to order by President Hornbacher with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Bouchey made a motion to pay the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 37830-37868. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Post advised the Council that Jan McMurray will help Emma prepare the budget amendments and transfer amounts and have them at the next meeting.

Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to amend Resolution 2025-11 Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program Funding to include North and South Livingston Street and to change Beech St from “North” to South State Street and to east end. All in favor. Motion carried.

Becky Rivard from Huron Engineering updated the Council on CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for Water. They are in the process of gathering information for contracting the work. Most of the Village’s match will go towards planning and design. Huron Engineering is preparing the packets to be sent in to be reviewed by CDBG grant board. She wants to have everything in place by December.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to agree to Huron Engineering to engineer for the CDBG Grant project (water wells) and the Village Council agrees to their proposal for design and permitting and the Council agrees to move forward pending MEDC

(Michigan Economic Development Corporation) approval for CBDG grant and sign the Engineering contract once approved. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pete Radecki is part owner of The Black Squirrel and asked the Council for permission to construct a similar pocket park on their lot with a memorial bench under or near a box elder. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with the memorial bench pocket park. The Village will be donating a matching fence and The Black Squirrel will be maintaining the area.

Manager Dave reported that the quote for new computers from Phil Clark was sent out for Council review so a decision could be made tonight.

President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Brown to accept proposal 1 for computer set up and to order 2 Dell slim desk top computers. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave also reported that the letter of support for EGLE to pay for a baseline environmental assessment at 520 N State Street was sent. The signup for FEMA portal is complete and Emma has all the financial information prepared. Dave will attend the NEMCOG meeting on August 21st. Trustee Brown stated she may be interested in attending future meetings once she retires next month. Dave also passed out flyers from MSU that advertises Certificate Courses on Land Use & Zoning. Two letters were sent to village residents; one was for blight, which enabled him to speak to the residents, and two, grass was not being cut yet this summer, which has now been cut. Dave will be at the Liability and Property Pool meeting on September 4th and 5th. He will be out of the office September 10. Dave also reported that he spoke to Eric Cline at the Treasury Department and they may be able to help with funding the utility billing/budget and accounting software and the tax transition to the cloud.

Emma reported that the proposal for Tyler Tech was more expensive than BS&A and had a lot of features that our office probably wouldn't utilize. Her recommendation is to go with BS&A. **Trustee Brown made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to sign contract with BS&A to set-up for \$52,690.00 and an annual cost of \$7,540. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Trustee Brown reported that she did an inspection of all the units at the airport hangars except for one. She said upon inspection, there is some personal storage,

but not much and each unit has a plane in it. All leases and invoices will be mailed out this week.

Manager Post reported that we received a quote from Old Republic Aerospace Insurance for a 3-year locked-in rate of \$1,680 per year. **Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to accept insurance lock-in rate of \$1,680 for 3 years. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Mike Wilson reported that Campground Commander got bought out by Let's Camp. We need to transition to Let's Camp software. There is no cost to transfer or train. They have flat fees instead of a percentage which are paid by the camper and not the campground. It is a much more user-friendly site. Check valve in the bath house was replaced by Standard Heating & Plumbing. Picnic tables and garbage cans need to be finished painted this winter and he is willing to do so after taking a winter break of about 6 weeks. He advised the Council that in next year's budget to consider the cost of gravel and leveling camp sites.

Manager Post reminded the Council there is a planning commission meeting on August 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Judy Nichols reported that the board at Brush Creek Mill has made a decision on where to put the memorial tree for Jack Mathais which is behind a bench area and will involve moving a tree. They will have it done in September and the dedication will be in October. Brush Creek Mill appreciates the resealed black top and fresh paint lines in the parking lot.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Ann Williams, Clerk