

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 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 Hornbacher, Trustees: Steve Orlandi, Tom Bouchey and Jonathan Smith. Absent: Velma Brown. Employees: Manager Dave Post, Bookkeeper Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Yvonne Swagger, Deputy Nick Breed, Ron Floer, Jeff Smith and Judy Nichols.

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

**Trustee Orlandi 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 Orlandi to approve the minutes from March 17, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Dave Post read Resolution 2026-08, Budget Adoption Resolution and Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.**

**Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt Resolution 2026-08 Budget Adoption Resolution and Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. All in Favor. Motion carried.**

#### **Resolution 2026-08**

#### **BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION AND APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

WHEREAS, Budget documents were prepared by the Budget Committee consisting of President Dave Hornbacher, Clerk-Treasurer Ann Williams, Councilpersons Stephen Orlandi, Johnathon Smith, Tom Bouchey and Velma Brown, Village Manager Dave Post, and Secretary-Bookkeeper Emma Niswonger covering the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2026, and ending March 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS this budget document has been placed on file in the office of the Village of Hillman and made available for public examination, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March 17, 2026, and duly advertised on March 11<sup>th</sup> in the Montmorency County Tribune to receive input from the citizens of the Village of Hillman as required by the laws of the State of Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget titled “Annual Budget-Fiscal Year 2026-2027” of the Village of Hillman for the fiscal year April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, be adopted by activity within each fund, and the Village of Hillman Council is hereby authorized to make expenditures provided for in said budget provided such expenditures are made according to the General Law Village Charter.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the final budget document is herein approved, adopted, appropriated, and placed on file in the office of the Village of Hillman and is made a permanent record of the Village of Hillman and that it is made a part of this resolution by reference.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that to defray the cost of general operating expenditures contained in said document that the estimated sum of \$190,000 based on the millage rate of 10.5 shall be raised by the Village of Hillman, Hillman, Michigan by taxation for the fiscal period of April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, inclusive, in accordance with the General Law Village Charter and the law of the State of Michigan relative to the taxation and real and personal property.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be and are hereby authorized for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026:

General Fund	\$ 541,090
Major Streets	\$ 200,800
Local Streets	\$ 369,700
HELP	\$ 17,226
Bond Debt	\$ 29,997
Airport	\$ 17,200
Sewer Department	\$ 88,500
Water Department	\$ 1,091,410
Heavy Equipment Pool	\$ 109,600
	\$ 2,465,523

Yeas:	4	Absent:	1
Nays:	None	Abstain:	None

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Ann Williams, Village Clerk

**Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the bills including the additional ones with check numbers 38371-38400. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Deputy Nick Breed from Montmorency County Sheriff Office had nothing to report except to watch the shoulders of the road because the deer are very plentiful right now. No one on the board had any issues or concerns for the Deputy.**

**Dave Post** reported that Mike Wilson is leaving his post as Park Manager on April 10, 2026. We need to hire as soon as possible. We received the grant applications for Water and the First Street Riverbank that Huron Engineering proposed. He reported that we need to put a discussion group together regarding the study concerning the power plant shutting down and what to replace it with. He reported that he set up a conference call for Thursday, April 9, 2026, with the people who have an interest of a battery facility at the old power plant in the Village.

**Emma Niswonger** reported that she has March balanced and wrapped up. She is going to have Jan McMurray come in to help her close out the fiscal year. Emma also reported that there was a double booking on pavilion rentals. In order to correct that in the future, she proposed to have reservations made online with the campground website. Consensus of the council was a positive go ahead.

**Ann Williams** reported that the credit union used to call her when CD's were matured. They stopped doing that and mail a letter instead. Ann missed a CD mature date, and it didn't roll over. They placed it in a high savings account. The percentage rate went from 3.4% to 0.85%. It would cost a penalty of \$79.89 to move it now. Consensus of the Council was to have it moved in spite of the penalty.

**Emma** reported that the truck has been moved from the airport to the park.

**Dave Post** asked if the Council was interested in applying for the airport grant that was in the agenda packet. The grant money would be used on updating the runway lights. The consensus of the board was to definitely look into the grant.

**President Hornbacher** reported that EMS had 64 runs. The ambulance is in need of wheel calipers and brakes. The board had decided not to replace the flooring and will replace windows this year instead. Fire Department had 12 runs. The board approved to have a mural painted on side of the station. The Firemen's Ball did very well this year and they were able to collect enough money for the tool they were anticipating purchasing.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported that the streetlights were all working properly.

**Dave Post** reported that there are no plans yet for the water wells and wellhouse from Huron Engineering. John Burr has been working on the main lift station.

**Judy Nichols** reported that Brush Creek Mill has had an issue with a strong sulfur smell in the kitchen and bathrooms. John Burr had advised her it is a hot water heater issue, and it is being fixed. Their first rental of the year is May 1<sup>st</sup>. On June 26<sup>th</sup> they will have a display about the life of John Hillman Stevens, the namesake of the Village of Hillman. The display is in honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Brush Creek Mill. For VJ Day all vendors will set up their sale stations on the lawn of Brush Creek Mill this year. The Mill received a donation of an antique fur trader canoe that will be put on display for all to enjoy.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Ann Williams, Clerk

## Village of Hillman Managers Report – April 21, 2026

1. We received quotes from Halls Serv-All and Alpena Septic. Halls cost per month is \$245 per month and Alpena Septic is \$275 per month and a \$50 set fee. We should have an ADA porta-john in by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. The Consumer Confidence Report is done in draft form and submitted to EGLE for review. The draft is in the packet.
3. Enclosed with the packet is declaration from the County EM. Also, included are pages from the Montmorency County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
4. The County emergency mitigation plan must be updated by next February. The Village needs to make sure to have input.
5. The planning commission meets April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The discussion will be updating the Master Plan.

Dave Post, Village Manager    Have a good weekend.