

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 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: Velma Brown, Steve Orlandi, Tom Bouchey and Jonathan Smith. Employees: Manager Dave Post and Bookkeeper Emma Niswonger. Clerk: Ann Williams. Visitors: Ron Floer, Jeff Smith and Sargent Breed from Montmorency County Sherrif Department.

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

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

**Trustee Orlandi made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to approve the minutes from April 21, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Brown made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay all of the bills including the additional ones with check number 38431- . All in favor. Motion carried.**

Dave Post read Resolution 2026-09 in its entirety. Discussion followed with a few questions from Council members.

**Trustee Brown made a motion and was supported by Trustee Smith to adopt Resolution 2026-09 Resolution of Concurrence by Municipality to Join BRA (Brownfield Redevelopment Authority). All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Resolution 2026-09 of Concurrence by Municipality to Join County BRA**

#### **Village of Hillman**

#### **RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO INCLUSION OF MUNICIPALITY IN COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

At a regular meeting of the Board of the Village of Hillman, Montmorency County, Michigan, held in the Local unit on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:           5

ABSENT: 0

MOTION BY: Velma Brown

SUPPORTED BY: Jonathan Smith

WHEREAS, the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "ACT"), authorizes the County of Montmorency (the "County") to establish a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to establish and provide for the operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority ("Authority") pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, subject to changes that may hereafter be made pursuant to the ACT, the Authority may exercise its power over property located within the boundaries of the County, provided that the Authority does not exercise its power over property located within a city, village or township located in the County unless such city, village or township has adopted a resolution concurring with the inclusion of such property; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined that it is in the best interest of the Local Unit to join the Authority, so it permits property located within its municipal boundaries to be included in the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of the County of Montmorency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Local Unit hereby agrees to opt into the Authority so that all property located within its municipal boundaries shall be included under the Brownfield Development Authority of the County of Montmorency.
2. The Village of Hillman Clerk shall promptly file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Montmorency County Clerk.
3. All resolution and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

UPON A VOTE FOR THE ADOPTION OF SAID RESOLUTION, THE VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5

NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, VILLAGE OF HILLMAN, COUNTY OF MONTMORENCY.

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Hillman, County of Montmorency, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of the Village of Hillman at a regular meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, the original of which resolution is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to an in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, Act No. 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, including the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at 18 hours prior to the set for said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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Ann Williams, Village of Hillman Clerk

A spring clean-up day was discussed. The Council deemed Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> as the day for brush and bagged leaves in bio-degradable bags to be picked up by DPW. We will notify public of above and remind residents that PAC will collect one large item as bulky trash on the first Monday of every month.

**Sargent Breed** from Montmorency County Sheriff Department said they had a new part-time on-the-road deputy that was still in training and would eventually increase the workforce in the area. The Council stated Emerick Park was open and the Band shell would begin concerts Memorial Day weekend and asked if the department would check the park from time to time. Sargent Breed said he would notify the force.

**Dave Post** asked if the Council would like to order pocket calendars for next year and it was affirmed to go ahead. Dave reported that ECT who is representing Epic

Star Energy, submitted several zoning questions regarding the battery storage facility. They have been answered and if the Council would like to review the correspondence to come in and he would go over it with them. Dave also reported that under Section 9.3 of the Zoning Ordinance the Village can ask Epic Star Energy for compensation to help pay for Village expenses. This would include Consultant, environmental review, engineering review and attorneys fees. The consensus of the Council was to proceed and gather the cost to submit to Epic Star.

Dave also reported that Huron Engineering is doing environmental work for Epic Star. The Council agreed to have either Rich Brege from Alpena or another firm do the environmental work. Dave will get estimates. He reported that the quarterly report for the MSHDA grant is done and has requested more payment.

Dave never received the cost estimate for airport lighting upgrades so the grant deadline expired and will have to wait until next year.

Dave reported he will be taking May 22<sup>nd</sup> off and June 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. He sent letters out to residences with clutter (blite) asking for clean-up.

The updated dates for the Category B Grant to pave the roads are as follows: May 11<sup>th</sup> Bids are available, Open bids June 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 8 submit for approval, June 16<sup>th</sup> Board meets.

He reported that Phil may not be able to accommodate the ADA standards for the new website. We may be in search of a qualified company. We do qualify for an extension, so we have until April/May of 2028. The GIS computer hard drive crashed. Becky does have backups from last summer. We will have to either send out the hard drive to be restored or get a new computer and use the backups to restore the program.

**Emma** is in the process of reconciling April. Pavilions have been added to camp website, but only for employee input. Emma shared an email from Huntington Bank stating they have been overcharging us for direct deposit. They will refund us. Emma presented 2 options to get check fraud protection through Huntington Bank. The Council agreed on option A which costs \$50 per month per account. **President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Orlandi to get ACH & Check Positive Pay through Huntington Bank on Account # 01368334585 for \$50 per month. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to purchase the tractor from Ginop Sales model number LX3520HSDC for \$55,499.00. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Ann** reported that we are running out of room for permanent records. Is the Council interested in purchasing more fireproof cabinets or hiring a company to scan and electronically store the records. The Council wants Ann to research whether the records need to be stored in a controlled temperature and get price quotes for cabinets. The Council prefers keeping originals.

**Trustee Brown** reported that she will talk to Mark and get the name of person who knows the law that specifies we would not be responsible to pay for the cutting of trees at the airport.

**Dave Post** reported that we may be getting a Special Use Request for the property across from El's. The property was purchased by the MacArthur's, and they will be building a putt-putt golf course. Logan, the Park Manager requested a dumpster at Emmerick Park. The consensus of the Council was no. The Council prefers Logan to take trash down to the DPW dumpster in lieu of Emerick Park getting their own dumpster.

**President Hornbacher** reported that the fire department had 8 runs. EMS had 46 runs, sent \$2200.00 to collections. The board made a policy that for lift/assist patients there will be no charge for 3 times and \$50 fee for every time after that.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported that the streets and lights look good. The culverts held and drained pretty well except for the culvert on West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**Dave Post** reported that Becky from Huron Engineering and Bob Weir from EGLE are working together on the new wells. Becky will soon have plans for the building. DPW has been working on the main lift station and discharging lagoons.

**Trustee Smith made a motion and was supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Ann Williams, Clerk

## Village of Hillman Managers Report – May 19, 2026

1. The house that Harold Smith owns is torn down. It burnt last winter. The Village is in the State program where a check is sent to the Village from the insurance in case it doesn't get torn down. If the house gets torn down by the owner, the check can be signed over to the owner or cashed by the Village and a Village check paid to Harold Smith. The check is made out to: Village of Hillman David Post Village Manager. The Council needs to decide which way you want it done. Harold is waiting for his money.
2. Huron Engineering will be at the Council meeting to discuss the plat for Orchard Pine II. Also, MSHDA will let the Village and Habitat apply for the CDBG grant again for infrastructure for Orchard Pines II. A public hearing will need to take place June 2<sup>nd</sup>. If this project goes, Habitat and the Village will be required to have a certain number of homes built within two years.
3. Enclosed in the packet are the policies that were sent to you for review. They need to be adopted. Please look them over good.
4. I have a Nemcog meeting May 21st if any Council members would like to go.
5. Another company, Allen Edwin Homes would like to build houses in the Village. We had a conference call with them Friday.
6. I did talk to Tony Smit at Michigan Aeronautics. He is supposed to get me in touch with the lady I emailed over 1.5 years ago that never got back with me. He said called the "State Approach Plan." It would need to be put into the Hillman Twp zoning. It would require clear zones at each end of the airport. As far as paying the landowners, the required language is not currently in the Twp zoning, so the Village likely has no choice but to pay.
7. The DPW would like a brush grapppler to pick up brush. The DPW should have a price by Tuesday.

Dave Post, Village Manager Have a good weekend.