

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 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 Myron McIntire, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Trustees: Wilbur Funk, Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith, Bruce Brown. Employees: Jan McMurray, Dave Post. Visitors: Charles Arbour (Montmorency County Road Commission), Daryl Peterson (Montmorency County Commissioner), Deputy (from Montmorency County Sheriff Department).

The meeting opened with the Pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 7 p.m. by President McIntire.

A motion was made by Trustee Bruce Brown and supported by Trustee Wilbur Funk to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Velma Brown to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2019 as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was a question on the purchase of canning jars, these were used for water testing. A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Johnathon Smith to approve paying the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 33296 through 33338. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Deputy from the Montmorency County Sheriff Department did not have a report but was asked if he had found out whether a "Jay-walking" ticket had been issued as reported to a Council member last meeting. The Deputy said he had talked with the Sheriff about this and they did not find any ticket that had been issued from their department. Commissioner Daryl Peterson thanked the Sheriff Deputy for the great send-off for the Boys Football Team who departed for their Semi-Final Game last Friday. The Sheriff Department gave them a nice escort out of town.

President McIntire presented the Purchasing Policy for adoption by the Council. There was some discussion about the amount of money to be approved by the Village Manager, a decision was made to change from \$500 to "not to exceed \$1000", anything over \$1000 must be approved by the Village Council.

A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Velma Brown to approve the Purchasing Policy for the Village of Hillman with the change that The Village Manager may approve up to \$1000 and anything over that \$1000 must be approved by the Village Council. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Charles Arbour reported that the Montmorency County Road Commission will complete Pleasant Valley Road this coming spring. It will tie into the Village of Hillman portion of Pleasant Valley Road. County Road 624 has been completed and is now a very nice road.

President McIntire reported that he had talked with Omega Signs and they will provide 8" high bulbs/cage mounted on the bridge in colors of Red/White/Blue, outlinging the bridge. The Planning Commission has

scheduled a public hearing on Monday, November 25th to hear comments on a request for a Federal Firearms Permit. The individual would like to renew their current permit but has no plans to sell firearms. The is allowed in the district where they reside as a "cottage industry". The Planning Commission will also review the Village Master Plan and make recommendations to update the plan. A resolution to increase the Village of Hillman millage rate was given to the Council for review, this issue was tabled until next meeting.

Manager Dave Post reported that he has not heard anything back from Sunrise Communications, it was suggested that the Council write the language they are comfortable with in the franchise agreement and send it to Sunrise Communications rather than waiting for them to do it. This was thought to be a good idea, Dave will work on this when he returns to work next week. The next issue was bridge lights again with Manager Dave Post stating that the Village would need to get approval from MDOT before putting lights on the bridge, he will contact the Alpena MDOT office about this next week.

President McIntire commented that he would be willing to drop his pay to half of what he is currently getting, several council members agreed they would do the same. This would be done beginning December 1st, but Daryl Peterson who was in attendance said he did not think this could be done during a term. Any reduction would have to be done at the beginning of each term for the individual Trustee. A call will be made to the MML regarding this, so the issue was tabled until more information is given. The discussion about increasing the millage( actually it will be restoring the Headlee Rollback) was discussed and whether the new amount could be billed this current year 2020, but some thought it might have to be done in the year 2021. This will also be included in the call to the MML.

Trustee Bruce Brown reported that some of our street signs are not legible, they need to be replaced.

Trustee Wilbur Funk reported that park fees for 2019 were \$18,683 up from last years \$18,416. There were several deer hunters camping this past week. A local camper stuck the park manager for his bill, the campers Dad paid half but there is still a balance of \$24 owed. A letter will be sent to him requesting the balance be paid immediately. President McIntire passed around a flyer regarding the "Live Nativity" planned for December 14th at the Band Shell.

DPW Supervisor John Burr's report was reviewed, they have been replacing water meters and also putting up Christmas decorations. Dixon Engineering is supposed to be in Hillman tomorrow morning, AT&T is having work done on equipment on the water tower. No additional money has been received from AT&T since installation of the generator.

Manager Dave Post reported that Hillman Power Plant owners have asked Hillman Township for a reduction in taxes since closing the plant. Woodhaulers are losing money, nearly 40% of income due to the plant closing. One hauler declared bankruptcy. Some met with the DNR about forest management, the DNR officials were unaware of the plant's closing.

Daryl Peterson reported that the County is working on their budget, they are facing some reductions but will continue through December. PIE&G will have their "ground breaking" for the new building on April 1st, 2020. They have not completed the purchase of the airport property in Onaway as yet, this is the site of their new facility.

A motion was made by Trustee Wilbur Funk and supported by Trustee Johnathon Smith to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Myron McIntire, President  
Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer