

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 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 Dave Hornbacher, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Trustees: Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, Johnathon Smith, Velma Brown. Employees: Jan McMurray and Dave Post. Visitors: Deputy Arnett, Judy Nichols (Brush Creek Mill).

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

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

**Correction to the minutes of the February 21, 2023, Council meeting was that the current water rate is \$2.50, not \$2.90 as written, also minutes should read brother-in-law, not father-in-law as written. A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, Council meeting with corrections. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 35838 through 35859. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Deputy Arnett** did not have anything to report however there has been a car racing on Third Street near the new Christian School, it has been requested that a speed limit sign or school zone sign be posted to warn speeding drivers. Deputy Arnett stated that they were aware of this situation and would be watching.

**Manager Dave Post** reported that a MDOT grant may give the Village the opportunity to replace guardrails on East First Street and Pleasant Valley Road. **Trustee Bouchey** stated that there are no sidewalks along the West side of State Street from the Thunder Bay Clinic to County Road 459. **Manager Dave Post** said he will get a plan together with Huron Engineering for sidewalks and guardrails, there will however be a 20% match. There is a solar bus tour scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> if anyone wishes to be a part of it let Dave know. Next meeting a water rate resolution will need to be passed. Huron Engineering is working on the water plan which must be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Village does qualify for overburdened communities. The Managers Contract was the next issue to discuss

and Manager Dave Post requested the Council to review and perhaps revise the food and lodging allowance since prices have increased a great deal since the last contract. After some discussion an agreement of raising food allowance to \$50 per day and overnight accommodations to \$150 per day. This contract was originally Becky at Huron Engineering is currently reviewing the plans for the culverts on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets, she will talk to Roscommon about digging out the top and pouring in concrete. The lagoon permit was granted, the clay is good and more will be gotten in May. Notification must be given when work begins and ends. President Hornbacher and Manager Dave Post have been registered for the Capital Conference scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>. **Manager Dave Post** reported that he will begin working on the Consumer Confidence Report April 1<sup>st</sup> it must be completed within 2 months.

**A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt 2023-05 Managers Contract with adjustment of \$50 per day for meals and \$150 per day for lodging extending the contract until 2026, 3-year contract. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Brown** reported that airport meeting was held but only the manager showed up, the next meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. **President Hornbacher** stated that the terminal building roof needs to be replaced this spring, imperative that it get done soon.

**Trustee Smith** reported that he has some concerns about electronic reservations at Emerick Park after talking with Jim Young who handles the Village website. Keeping up with reservations may require additional staff.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported that the Hillman Fire & EMS board met, and runs are up from last year. The firemen are not in favor of trading in the truck, training has been scheduled, the carpets will be cleaned. The new light pole has been replaced after the old one was hit by a vehicle. Some of the lights at the pocket parks are not lit.

**Trustee Smith** reported that he and others had met with Aetna regarding electronic water meters, the committee will meet with another company next week as well.

**President Hornbacher** reported that he and his brother-in-law did some work on the Brush Creek Mill. Cody Green (brother-in-law) repaired the roof around the solar panels and suggested the Village pay him something. Ron Kasky gave an estimate of \$6-\$800 for repairing the drywall (mud and tape joints). It was also

suggested that spray Styrofoam insulation be done to help with moisture/heat. An estimate of \$3900 for this was gotten from Austin Paczkowski. All of the individuals said that they could do the work within the next week or two. The bid from Charlie Arbour was about \$5100 and there has not been any word on when he would be able to do the work. **Judy Nichols** said she would like to thank Dave personally for doing all of this work, the volunteers would like to be able to use the upstairs again. **President Hornbacher** stated that the shingles on the roof are shot and will need to be replaced next year, this will be budgeted. Manager Dave Post stated that it might need to be done in stages with the upper roof being done first. **Judy Nichols** said that there is little benefit with the solar panels and it was suggested they be removed. **Clerk Brenda South** said that since these solar panels were purchased through a grant it might be wise to check to see if there are time requirements before removing. Manager Dave Post will review the files for more information.

**A motion was made by Trustee Orland and supported by Trustee Bouchey to hire Ron Kasky to repair dry wall for \$800, to pay Cody Green for repairing holes in roof \$400, to hire Austin P. to remove insulation and put the spray foam insulation in the upstairs for \$3940. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Orland and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.**

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer