

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 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: Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith, Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey. Employees: Jan McMurray and Dave Post. Visitors: Tom Sobeck (Presque Isle Electric and Gas Company). Deputy Arnett, (Montmorency County Sheriff Department).

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 Orlandi to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: Bouchey, Orlandi, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Correction to minutes of the March 21, 2023, Council meeting were the last check number for paying the bills was missing, the number is 35890, and also there was a misprint on the sewer department budget amount it was listed as \$141,663, it should have been \$114,663. A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023, Council meeting with corrections of missing check number 35890 and the amount of \$114,663 for sewer department not \$141,663 as printed. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

President Hornbacher presented Resolution 2023-07 to the Council for review and passage. A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-07 Budget Adoption and Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Smith to adopt Resolution 2023-07 Budget Adoption and Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-07
BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION AND APPROPRIATIONS ACT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

WHEREAS, Budget documents were prepared by the Budget Committee consisting of President Dave Hornbacher, Clerk-Treasurer Brenda South, Councilpersons Stephen Orlandi, Johnathon Smith, Tom Bouchey and Velma Brown, Village Manager Dave Post, DPW Supervisor John Burr, and Secretary-Bookkeeper Jan McMurray covering the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024 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 21, 2023, and duly advertised on March 15th 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 document titled “Annual Budget-Fiscal Year 2023-2024” of the Village of Hillman for the fiscal year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 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 \$185,000 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, 2023 to March 31, 2024, 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, 2023:

General Fund	\$396,652
Major Streets	\$179,200
Local Streets	\$174,600
HELP	\$ 67,738

Bond Debt	\$121,632
Airport	\$ 17,500
Sewer Department	\$114,663
Water Department	\$124,562
Heavy Equipment Pool	<u>\$ 40,500</u>
TOTAL	\$1,237,047

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and seconded by Trustee Smith to adopt Resolution 2023-07.

Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown, Hornbacher

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Brenda South
Village Clerk

President Hornbacher presented the bills to be paid. **A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 35891 through 35918. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Deputy Arnett addressed the Council stating that she did not have any news to report but asked if there were any questions or complaints for her. **Trustee Brown** stated that she had noticed 2 vehicles driving fast and on the wrong side of the street on her street (Pleasant Valley Road). **Clerk Brenda South** reported a white pick-up truck driving fast on her street (Second Street). **Deputy Arnett** said she would notify the other deputies to watch for these vehicles, commenting that Hillman has more police coverage than other areas of the county since 2 deputies live here.

Mr. Tom Sobeck, CFO of Presque Isle Electric and Gas, addressed the Council regarding the status of the co-op. The co-op is a non-profit organization providing services to most of the northern lower portion of Michigan. The Village of Hillman has natural gas service from them. Mr. Sobeck reported that the co-op gives back capital credits to customers periodically through the years. The board of directors has 3 positions open this year, 1 at large seat. Rates will be going up next month and electrical rates will increase as well, through availability rates. New electronic meters have been installed in most areas and more towers are still

being erected. Gas meters have not been installed yet as there was a problem with the modules but it is being worked out and hopefully those will be installed as well. Rolling black-outs may be a possibility again this year as electrical wattage is still about 800 megs short. There was some discussion on solar farms, but Mr. Sobeck stated that it would require about 80,000 acres of land for a solar farm to produce the needed electric service. **Mr. Sobeck** went on to say that the co-op will be holding their annual meetings on Memorial weekend in Cheboygan and Labor Day weekend in Onaway. The Council thanked Mr. Sobeck for coming to the meeting and keeping them informed of the co-ops' operations.

Manager Dave Post reported that the passport grant has been submitted and he is currently working on the consumer confidence report. The reservations have been made for the MML Capital Conference on April 18-19th, he and President Hornbacher will be attending. Dave reported that he had called several communities about their housing commissions and one community e-mailed a copy of their ordinance. One community he talked with said that their Council had oversight on the commission, but suggested we may want to do a non-profit or LLC rather than a housing commission. Dave stated that Alpena County Habitat for Humanity has now taken over Montmorency County Habitat and he will talk with board members Bob Stacey and Tom Wolfe.

Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray asked the Council to decide whether to refund a water customer that had paid for water services she had billed, not knowing that the water had been shut off. The individual does not live in the home.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to refund \$534.29 to Mr. Bacci for water services billed and paid in error. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South reported that she and Manager Dave Post and Jody Vanderveer, Hillman Township Treasurer had met with representatives from Pay.gov about getting set up to receive tax payments online. The meeting went well, the representative stated that he does not charge for his services to do set up, his fees come from charging 3% for any payment over \$30 to the customer. This company would be the 3rd party payer and would work directly with the customer. Montmorency County is currently using his service and have been for approximately 3 years. This system could be used for water/sewer customers, also for Emerick Park camping customers. After some discussion it was decided to go ahead and use this service for all payments/services of the Village.

A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to use Pay.gov for on-line payment for all services of the Village of Hillman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Brown reported that JTE Environmentalist will be testing at the airport on June 5th. There will be a meeting with hangar owners on June 7th, Mr. Bill Green no longer owns a hangar but would like to attend meetings which will be at 6 p.m. at the airport. A letter will be sent to notify hangar owners. The roof on the terminal building needs to be replaced this year.

Manager Dave Post presented Resolution 2023-08 Park Manager for adoption. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt Resolution 2023-08 Park Manager, Johnathon Smith. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown, Hornbacher. Nays: None, Abstain: Smith. Motion carried.**

**VILLAGE OF HILLMAN RESOLUTION 2023-08
PARK MANAGER**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman will employ a park manager/employee for the 2023 Emerick Park camping season, and

WHEREAS, Johnathon Smith, Hillman Village Council Trustee has agreed to be the park manager and employee for 2023; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Statutes, Chapter 15, Public Officers and employees, under 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20904, states “Section 2 shall not be construed to do any of the following:”... (c) “Limit the authority of the governing body of a city, village, township, or county with a population of less than 25,000 to authorize a public servant to perform, with or without compensation, other additional services for the unit of local government.”

NOW THEREFORE, The Hillman Village Council agrees to employ Village Trustee Johnathon Smith as park manager and employee for the 2023 camping season.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Hillman Village Council on the 4th day of April, 2023.

Its: Brenda South, Clerk

Date: _____

Park Manager Johnathon Smith requested that a sign listing the park managers number on it be put up in the entrance of the park so that reservations can be made.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the Hillman Area Fire/Ambulance Board had met and runs for EMS are up 23 from last year. The Ambulance Department has advertised for Paramedics on their facebook page. Training for EMS/Paramedic will be held in Alpena now rather than at other locations. The new fire truck may be delivered sometime in August.

Manager Dave Post reported that Becky from Huron Engineering is working on the water plan. Two new pumps have been ordered, but waiting on firm estimate for electrical from Chris Hardies.

President Hornbacher reported that the work at the Brush Creek Mill upstairs drywall, insulation etc. has been completed. A volunteer asked when the painting will be done, President Hornbacher told them they the Village will buy the paint and they can do the painting. Judy Nichols, acting director, sent a thank you text.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer