

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 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 Pro-Tempore Johnathon Smith, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Absent: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustees: Stephen Orlandi, Velma Brown, Thomas Bouchey. Employees: Jan McMurray, Absent: Dave Post. Visitors: Judy Nichols, BCM, Deputy Arnett, Montmorency County Sheriff Department, Kelly Bennett, Lisa Applegren.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Pro-Tempore Johnathon Smith.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the agenda with the addition of Lisa Applegren. Yeas: Brown, Bouchey, Orlandi. Nays: None, Abstain: Smith. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Bouchey, Brown, Orlandi. Nays: None, Abstain: Smith. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 35919 through 35952. Yeas: Bouchey, Brown, Orlandi. Nays: None, Abstain: Smith. Motion carried.

Lisa Applegren addressed the Council requesting financial assistance in purchasing brackets/holders for the Senior Banners for the graduating class 2023. The current number of brackets for the Spring Banners that are up is 25 however there are 30 Seniors graduating this year, so Mrs. Applegren has requested the Village purchase more brackets to display the Senior Banners. After some discussion about how many to purchase as there may be larger classes coming up, it was decided to purchase 10 additional brackets and holders to make a total of 35. The brackets will be used for Community Banners as well as for the Senior Banners.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to purchase an additional 10 brackets and holders not to exceed \$950. Yeas: Bouchey, Orlandi, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Smith. Motion carried.

Deputy Arnett asked the Council if they had any questions or concerns for the department. **Trustee Bouchey** said that the 4 wheelers in Orchard Pines Subdivision were back running up and down the streets. **Trustee Brown** said that the speeding cars on Pleasant Valley Road have slowed down. **Clerk Brenda South** said that there are still some speeding cars on Second Street and now that it is nice weather small children are walking more, not always on the sidewalk, she is concerned about cars driving too fast. **Deputy Arnett** said that she will pass along these concerns to the other patrols and would be watching out for the 4-wheelers.

President Pro-Tempore Johnathon Smith brought Resolution 2023-09 Michigan Department of Transportation and the Village of Hillman for Rehabilitation of Hillman Airport. The contract No. 2023-0361 involves joint repairs and remarking on the runway, taxiways, and tarmack.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to adopt Resolution 2023-09 Michigan Department of Transportation and The Village of Hillman for Rehabilitation of the Hillman Airport involving joint Repairs and remarking on the Runway, Taxiways, and Tarmack. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Smith. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-09

WE, the Hillman Village Council respectfully submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman has received MDOT Contract No. 2023-0361, a contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Village of Hillman for rehabilitation of the Hillman Airport that involves joint repairs and remarking on the runway, taxiways and tarmack; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required by the Hillman Village Council to sign said contract; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dave Hornbacher, Village President, be authorized to sign MDOT Contract no. 2023-0361 on behalf of the Village of Hillman.

Council member Orlandi moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution and supported by Councilmember Brown and was adopted on the 18th Day of April, 2023.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk

I, Brenda South, Village Clerk of the Village of Hillman hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly approved by the Hillman Village Council of the Village of Hillman at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 18th day of April, 2023.

Brenda South, Clerk

President Pro-Tempore Johnathon Smith brought Manager Dave Post's report to the table, an e-mail from Huron Engineering indicates that they are willing to provide grant writing services at a cost of \$500 for the HSIP application. The application is for sidewalk on the East side of State Street from the Village Limits to Carrier Road, and on the west side of State Street from Jonathon Street to County Road 459, also on Pleasant Valley from State Street to Elizabeth and along Elizabeth Street. Manager Dave Post is currently working on the Consumer Confidence Report, there is a NEMCOG meeting on Thursday morning in Gaylord if any Council member would like to attend. Manager Dave Post report stated that he had talked to Ted Fines from Habitat for Humanity about a housing commission, he is willing to run this through the Montmorency County Habitat for ad his report that he intends to contact several other communities to inquire about their housing commissions to get a better idea of how to structure it.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Orlandi to hire Huron Engineering to write the HSIP grant application for \$500. Yeas: Orlandi, Brown, Bouchey. Nays: None, Abstain: Johnathon Smith. Motion carried.

Trustee Velma Brown reported that there are 8 lights out on the runway lights at the airport and Manager Mark Melligen says that he cannot physically do the repairs any longer. The DPW Supervisor will be notified about this and make sure the work is done. Trustee Brown requested a copy of the lease agreements for the hangar owners.

President Pro-Tempore Johnathon Smith reported that he and Manager Dave Post had talked with a company named Campground Commander that will set up

our campground on their software that will redesign our webpage with pictures of campsites for making reservations/payments. This will take a couple of months to get up and running, which will not be in time for this seasons' camping. **Trustee Orlandi** commented that this would not be ready for this season but would be up and running for 2024 camping season. **President Pro-Tempore Smith** said that we could still do the first come first serve reservation process this year until everything is set with this new company. After some discussion about the cost and where the money would come from to set this up it was decided to go ahead with this company for taking reservations/webdesign for Emerick Park.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to use Campground Commander for reservations/payments for Emerick Park with web design and set up fees/membership fee up to \$2200. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Smith. Motion carried.

Trustee Orlandi reported that the Hillman Fire Board held a special meeting to discuss the sale of the pumper truck to another community for \$90,000 but it was reported by Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray that she was told this morning the other community backed out of the deal because they purchased a truck from someone else.

Trustee Brown requested that the parking lot behind the Hi-Way be swept there is a lot of debris laying around due to kids parking there at night. It was suggested that signs for no-littering be posted. Clerk Brenda South commented that there have been problems with this in years past and posted signs did not help. The DPW will be notified to clean up the parking area and try posting the lot again. **Trustee Brown** asked about the lots on Brush Creek Mill Pond owned by the Village, she would like to see this area made into a dog park. **Trustee Orlandi** suggested this be pursued at the next Council meeting.

Judy Nichols reported that the work at the Brush Creek Mill is mostly completed but asked that the Village purchase paint for the upstairs drywall that was repaired. It was reported that the Council said at the last meeting they will pay for the paint if the volunteers at the mill did the work.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Smith. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Johnathon Smith, President Pro-Tempore

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer

