

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 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: Johnathon Smith, President Pro-Tempore, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Absent: President Dave Hornbacher. Trustees: Velma Brown, Stephen Orlandi, and Thomas Bouchey. Manager Dave Post, Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray. Deputy Schaible, Montmorency County Sheriff Department, Rebecca Rivard, Huron Engineering, Chris Schenk (HRC), Yvonne Swager, Montmorency County Tribune, James Stoddard, Bill DeFisher, Wheels Car Club, James Stanton, Hillman Community Radio, Don and Vicki Mueller, Hillman Horseshoe Pitching, Tom Rea, Daryl Peterson, Charlie Arbour, Montmorency County Road Commission.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the agenda with the addition of Bill DeFisher and Don Mueller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Jim Stanton addressed the Council thanking them for allowing Hillman Community Radio to use the electricity for broadcasting events, he also reported that there had been some talk about putting in a dance floor near the band shell.

Mr. Tom Rea who was also in the audience, said that there are multiple options, a wooden dance floor, concrete, also location or placement of the dance floor.

Manager Dave Post said he did not think placing it in front of the band shell would work since not everyone dances it would block the view of any band performing. The Council members thanked the gentlemen for their report.

Mr. Bill DeFisher requested use of the municipal parking lot behind the former Hi-way Bar for the annual car show scheduled for August 12th and 13th. The Council gave their approval for use of the parking lot for the car show event.

Mr. Don Mueller reported for the Hillman Horseshoe Club that they will no longer be using the facility as they will be moving back to Florida soon. The maintenance of the pits will revert back to the Village of Hillman. The pits are sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Association for 3 years, a final “good-bye” Hillman Tournament will be held on May 27th. The Council thanked Mr. and Mrs. Mueller for their hard work in getting the pits put in and organizing the horseshoe club.

Deputy Schaible did not have anything to report to the Council but asked if they had any questions for him, he did say the department has gotten busier.

Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering addressed the Council about the Water System Improvement Plan that she and Chris Schenk have been working on, public input is needed. The Plan will be submitted to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund at the end of this month. The Village of Hillman can apply for a grant to assist in improving the system, loans are available, 40 years at 1.87% for any drinking water project. The Water Study should be developed by August 22nd, study areas are existing conditions of current system, system needs, improvement alternatives. Submitting this plan does not obligate the Village to apply for a loan. **Chris** broke down the plan into several categories: Background: 3 wells and 1 backup well, installed between 1950-1960, abandoned and removed about 6,125 feet of asbestos concrete, installed 8,850 ft. of new 8" water main and 3250 feet of new 12" water main. Project Need: make sure water tank doesn't fail, improve distribution system reliability, increase fire flow and increase water quality, lower operation and maintenance costs, lower levels of iron and control water main leakage. Project Alternative Analysis: Take no action, Regional alternative- add production, rehabilitation of existing system, replace lining or coating, using directional or horizontal drill rather than open trench, which may cause more community disturbance. **Chris** went on to say that overburdened communities may be eligible for additional loan principal forgiveness or grants. A potential schedule: Repair storage tank, currently the Village tank holds 100,000 gallons but 175,000 gallons are needed for better fire-flow. Future schedule: water main replacement and extensions. The total cost projection is 11 million dollars for 40 years or \$404 thousand a year. The potential impact on community: normal construction, rates will go up which will be a burden on heavy users, noise and dust control to minimum, and short-term water outage. The Council thanked Becky and Chris for this report.

President Pro-temp Johnathon Smith continued the meeting calling for a motion to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023, Council meeting with the correction that the cost of the dance floor is not \$9000, that was reported, that the \$9000 is the entire radio station budget. All in favor. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 35971 through 36016. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that the Planning Commission Board had met last week and renewed the Special Use Permit for the Hillman Christian Academy and discussed a zoning district industrial overlay. A public hearing will be held at the next planning meeting. The next issue was Resolution 2023-10 A Resolution to authorize engagement in State Land Bank Blight Elimination Program Round 2 and authorizing signature. Dave explained that this resolution will authorize a signature when applying for a grant. **A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adopt Resolution 2023-10 Authorizing Engagement In State Land Bank Blight Elimination Program Round 2 And Authorizing Signature. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Clerk Brenda South asked the Council to rescind the motion, the resolution calls for a roll call vote. **A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to rescind the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10. All in favor. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to adopt Resolution 2023-10 Authorizing Engagement In State Land Bank Blight Elimination Program Round 2 And Authorizing Signature. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown, President Pro-Temp Smith. Nays: None, Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**VILLAGE OF HILLMAN
RESOLUTION 2023-10
AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT IN STATE LAND BANK
BLIGHT ELIMINATION PROGRAM ROUND 2 AND AUTHORIZING
SIGNATURE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman wishes to participate in the State Land Bank Authority Blight Elimination Program Round 2 to further blight elimination efforts in the Village of Hillman; and

WHEREAS, A request for Proposals was issued April 10, 2023, which requires a resolution authorizing engagement in the program as well as authorizing a signatory,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Hillman hereby authorizes engagement in the State Land Bank Authority Blight Elimination Program Round 2 and designates its Village Manager to sign all documents relating to the Program application and execution.

Date: _____

Moved by: Trustee Orlandi

Seconded by: Trustee Brown

Rollcall vote: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown, Smith

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion Adopted/Failed: Adopted

Manager Dave Post continued reporting that the Consumer Confidence Report was published in the Tribune, costing \$700. EGLE gave requirements for the dog park, fencing must be back from the edge of the pond. The lions club contributed money towards the dance floor at the Band Shell, new lights and extension of the band shell itself. The Rural Readiness Grant is due by May 25th the Council will need to approve the President of the Council to sign a letter and submit to Habitat for Humanity for a \$5000 match for the Rural Readiness Grant.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to have President Dave Hornbacher sign letter and submit it to Habitat for Humanity for the Rural Readiness Grant. All in favor. Motion carried.

Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray reported that Sheila LaFleche will do the maintenance on the flower beds again this year, she is asking for \$420 per time. **A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to accept the bid from Sheila LaFleche to do maintenance on the flower beds/pocket parks for \$420 per time. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South reported that the people from Pay.gov will be here on May 31st to get the Village signed up and online for payment of taxes and water/sewer/garbage bills.

Trustee Velma Brown reported that one hangar owner who uses the terminal building bathroom has not been locking the building back after use, he continues to use his hangar for storage, he will be warned that his lease may not be renewed at the next airport meeting.

President Pro-tempore Smith reported that things are going well at Emerick Park.

Manager Dave Post reported that Mr. Keith Moore who owns lot #16 in Orchard Pines want to sell his lot for \$7000.

Trustee Orlandi reported for the Hillman Fire and Ambulance Department that March runs were up, the next meeting will be May 22nd.

Manager Dave Post presented Resolution 2023-11 for the Council to adopt. **A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt Resolution 2023-11 A Resolution Adopting A Final Project Planning Document For The Village Of Hillman Water System Improvements Project And Designating An Authorized Project Representative. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**VILLAGE OF HILLMAN
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL PROJECT PLANNING
DOCUMENT
FOR THE VILLAGE OF HILLMAN WATER SYSTEM IMPROVMENTS
PROJECT
AND DISIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE
2023-11**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman recognizes the need to make improvements to its existing water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman authorized Huron Engineering & Surveying, INC. to prepare a Project Plan, which recommends the structural repair to existing water storage tank, new and replacement of portions of the system water mains, installation of two new production wells, and construction of a new elevated storage tank;

WHEREAS, said Project Plan was presented at Public Meeting May 16, 2023 and all public comments have been considered and addressed;

WHEREAS, adoption of the Project Plan and approval of the loan program does not obligate the Village to accept any funding that may be approved through the application process, if approved by the State, it allows the Village to be a candidate for SRF loan consideration; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Hillman formally approves and adopts said Project Plan and Program Application for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy State Revolving Fund Loan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Manager, a position currently held by David J. Post, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Plan as the first step in applying to the State of Michigan for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan to assist in the implementation of the selected alternative.

I, Brenda South, Village Clerk of the Village of Hillman, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Village of Hillman on May 16, 2023, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Brown, Smith
Nays: None

I Certify that the above Resolution was adopted by The Village of Hillman Council Applicant's Governing Body on Date of adoption May 16, 2023.

By: _____
Name Title

Signature Date

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Johnathon Smith, President Pro-Tempore _____
Brenda South, Village Clerk/Treasurer