

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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 Dave Hornbacher, Clerk/Treasurer Brenda South. Trustees: Stephen Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, Johnathon Smith, Velma Brown. Employees: Jan McMurray and Dave Post. Yvonne Swagger, Montmorency Tribune, Deputies Brian Klein and Josh Smith, Jack Matthias.

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

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2023, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills with the addition of Alpena Power bill of \$6925 for 3 phase electric at the lift station and other additional bills with checks numbered 36121 through 36162. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: none, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher** asked the Deputies present if they had a report for the Council, neither had any news but asked if the Council had any questions for them. The Council members wished them safety in their work and they left the meeting.

**President Hornbacher** presented Resolution 2023-12 Rural Readiness Grant Application 2023-12 for adoption.

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to adopt Resolution 2023-12 Village of Hillman Resolution for the Rural Readiness Grant Application 2023-12. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown, Hornbacher. Nays: none, Abstain: None, Motion carried.**

**VILLAGE OF HILLMAN RESOLUTION FOR THE  
RURAL READINESS GRANT APPLICATION 2023-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hillman Village Council convened it's regular meeting on July 18, 2023 during which the following action was taken; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hillman would like to partner with Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan to develop affordable housing within the Village of Hillman; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hillman and Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan have agreed to be co-applicants for the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development 2023 Rural Readiness Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hillman and Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan have both agreed to provide \$5000 each to match the Rural Readiness Grant;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Hillman completely supports this application and would like to create a housing plan with Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan with the purpose of guiding both entities to work on economic development (as housing), housing, infrastructure, placemaking, workforce and population attraction and retention.

This Resolution was approved and adopted by the following roll-call vote:

Councilperson: Stephen Orlandi: Yea  
Councilperson: Thomas Bouchey: Yea  
Councilperson: Johnathon Smith: Yea  
Councilperson: Velma Brown: Yea  
President: Dave Hornbacher: Yea

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at a regular Council meeting on July 18, 2023.

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Brenda South, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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Date

**Manager Dave Post** reported that Lot #3 in Orchard Pines Subdivision can be purchased for \$3500, Lot #24 at the end of Caring Street on the cul de sac is up for tax sale and lot #16 is for sale but the individual wants \$7000 for it and willing to work with the village. Dave asked the Council if he should consult with Habitat

first or talk with the private individual about purchasing it. **Jack Matthias** who was present, suggested letting Habitat buy the lots. **Dave** stated that housing will not get done if the Village does not get involved. **Trustee Orlandi** stated that the Montmorency County Housing Commission really helped him in getting his home, however they are no longer a functioning housing commission. After some discussion it was decided to talk with Habitat about buying the lots and to work with them in pursuing housing. **Manager Dave Post** reported that he and Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray will be part of a webinar with the State Land Bank tomorrow. **Dave** suggested using staff from NEMCOG for planning/grant writing, do it for a fee for service, because they have more staff. The Brush Creek Mill Operational Lease Agreement has expired, Dave will meet with the coordinator to get the agreement current. The DPW Lead and Copper testing is done there were 2 Copper readings that were high, a call was made to Elhorn Engineering, there were no lead levels above the limit. The Hillman Chamber would like to do concessions at the Bandshell on VJ Day after 5 p.m. volunteers are needed. The Chamber Banquet is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>, Ride with Santa is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be scholarships offered again for school age children. A lady from Michigan Tri-Share, Child Care Program was at the meeting explaining the State's Child-care program. There is a need for before school and after school care. There is a program for employer share for care as well. **Manager Dave Post** reported that the Brush Creek Mill will host the Hillman Area Museum on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Schodellar will be working at the airport this week doing the cracksealing, Dave asked if the Council would like some of the streets done while they are here. Trustee Orlandi and Manager Dave Post will take a tour of Village streets tomorrow afternoon to make a list of areas in need of cracksealing.

**A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi to approve up to \$10,000 for cracksealing both Major and Local Streets. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Manager Dave Post** reported a Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be a Public Hearing for Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for an Industrial Overlay. The next issue was renewal of the Village Property/Liability Insurance which is \$15,802.00.

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the renewal for Village Property/Liability Insurance for \$15,802.00. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray** asked if there were any changes to the airport leases as she will prepare them to go out in August. **President Hornbacher** stated that he will have an addendum ready for the next Council meeting regarding sub-leasing hangars.

**Trustee Brown** reported that airport Manager Mark Melligen has been mowing at the airport and cracksealing will be done on Thursday.

**Trustee Smith** reported that Emerick Park did well over the weekend, but overall camping is down from last year. Signs are needed for reservation signs, Trustee Smith suggested signs like the sponsor signs at the bandshell. The signs will have “reserve @emerick park.com” 989 370-8845.

**Manager Dave Post** reported 1 zoning permit was issued for a new deck. DPW report is that lagoon repairs will begin next week.

**Jack Matthias** addressed the Council regarding his resort, stating that due to poor health he is trying to get things in order. There is ¼ mile of W. Riverside that still needs infrastructure, which will require the Village to provide equipment for the extension of water and sewer, also another lift station. This was in the original agreement between the resort and the Village of Hillman. Jack stated he is currently seeking a developer to do the extension.

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: none, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer