

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, September 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: Dave Post, Jan McMurray. Visitors: Deputy DeMott (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 Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the agenda 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 approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36248 through 36285. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**Deputy DeMott** asked the Council if they had any concerns for him, Trustee Bouchey said that there are speeding vehicles going past his house. Deputy DeMott said he would notify patrol to watch this area of town..

**President Hornbacher** reported receiving a ballot for Citizen/Business of the Year, ballots need to be in by October 18<sup>th</sup> and the banquet will be either the 24<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. There is a new category this year it is for Non-Profit Organization of the Year.

**Manager Dave Post** reported that he was on a conference call with Jack Matthias and Ted Fines (Habitat for Humanity) about purchasing the bordering acreage by Orchard Pines. **President Hornbacher** said that he would like to see Habitat/Village acquire the property for building sites of homes, but does not want to become a “land baron” either. There was discussion about how to go about developing this property. Manager Dave Post stated that an organization would have to be formed, an LLC who would then hire a developer, or be the developer. **Trustee Orlandi** stated that there is clearly a need for affordable housing. Manager Dave Post said that the Village will need to explore all options. **Manager Dave Post** reported there will be a NEMCOG meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The annual MML Convention will be held October 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>, Manager Dave Post and President Hornbacher will attend. The lagoon repair has been completed the DPW will remove the extra dirt. There were 2 right of way permits request, an old one from Verizon and AT&T requested one for fiber/conduit installation to the water tower. The closing on the “blight properties” will be on September 27<sup>th</sup>. A meeting with Becky from Huron Engineering is scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the DNR Grant. The Village grant did not score high, 100 points, but we will work with Becky to see if additional points can be counted to enhance the Villages’ chances at getting this grant. The Chamber Banquet is scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of October and a table of 8 cost \$200.

**Trustee Brown** reported that the windsock at the airport is gone so the manager requested a new one be ordered. The furnace at the terminal building needs winter maintenance done.

**Trustee Smith** reported that a tent camper had left the park and left a mattress to be disposed of. **Manager Dave Post** reported that a local camper complained that there were homeless people living in Emerick Park. It was explained to him that as long as they paid their camping fees there was really nothing anyone could do. Denise from NEMCOG sent the amended Zoning Ordinance, Manager Dave Post will ask Nico Tucker from NEMCOG to print copies off for the Village. There has been no news about the SPARK Grant. The lights on the south west side of the bridge are not working. Wayne Wire is having their parking lot repaved,

**President Hornbacher** reported that he has not received an estimate for cost of tiling and bathroom maintenance at the mill. Applefest is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Mill where they will be hosting an apple pie contest. Currently waiting for a cost estimate for the sewer extension on Jonathon Street. The Council discussed doing the extension but was hesitant to begin work until the people who plan to develop it bring some plans in to the planning commission. It was also mentioned having some type of written agreement with them to assure development will be done before the sewer extension begins.

**A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Orlandi 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