

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6 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 Hornbacher, Trustees: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, Brenda South. Visitors: Judy Nichols.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Hornbacher.

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown 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 Orlandi to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Orlandi** asked if the internet bill for the DPW garage was for doing meter readings, Manager Dave Post said no it was just internet for doing reporting to the State, etc.

**A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Orlandi to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36425 through 36448. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.**

**President Hornbacher** reported to the Council that the next Council meeting is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> which is also when the Hillman Elementary School Christmas Program is being held. It was decided to move the Council meeting to Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 6 p.m.

**Manager Dave Post** reported that he had been out of the office for the last week due to illness. Dave reported that he is continuing to work on getting the SAM renewal account set up. This account is needed for the Village to receive federal funding. The remediation work on the two properties on Pine Street has been completed. The electric line has been removed by Alpena Power at no cost to the Village. The Passport Grant score is higher, a decision should be coming soon, hopefully the Village will get the funding for park improvements. Dave reported that he will be attending an MML Liability and Property Pool meeting in

Frankenmuth on Friday. The next NEMCOG meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2023, in Gaylord if any Council member would like to attend.

**Trustee Brown** reported that the furnace maintenance has been completed in the terminal building at the airport. The old plow has been put on the truck at the airport for winter snowplowing. Airport Manager Mark Melligen will not be plowing the airport this winter but will be instructed to keep the DPW Supervisor advised of conditions.

**Trustee Smith** reported that the park is closed, asked about the abandoned trailer, it is still there, it will be moved to the DPW garage. All campers have moved out and the water is now shut off.

**President Hornbacher** reported that the fire/ambulance board had met, Trustee Brown is now attending for the Village representation. The EMS department reported 49 runs for the month, 570 for the year. Hillman Fire Department reported 11 runs for the month. The Thunder Bay Firefighters Association purchased a 3-room bouncy house for safety days training. The Hillman Department will be borrowing for it VJ Day. Hopefully the new truck will come in February, and a department in Arkansas wants to purchase the Hillman Departments pumper truck.

**Trustee Orlandi** reported that the bridge lights are out, at least half are working, and some of the Christmas wreaths on the light poles are not working.

**Manager Dave Post** reported that the lagoon discharge has been completed. Becky from Huron Engineering has not heard anything regarding the Village water plan, she expects to hear something by spring.

**Judy Nichols** reported that the Brush Creek Mill will hold a Christmas event on December 14<sup>th</sup>, the annual Christmas Memorial Tree was held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The mill gift shop will close for the winter after the 14<sup>th</sup> but the office will remain open on certain days for rentals. There are 17 Christmas trees up from different groups/businesses, the People Choice award will be announced on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The museum has seen a lot of traffic since opening. **President Hornbacher** asked if there were any estimates for the maintenance request made earlier this year. **Judy** said that the plan is to do the work in January while the mill is closed, estimates for the work is being gathered.

**A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.**

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Dave Hornbacher, President

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Brenda South,  
Village Clerk/Treasurer