

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Wednesday, December 20, 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 Dave Hornbacher, Trustees: Steve Orlandi, Thomas Bouchey, Johnathon Smith, and Velma Brown. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, and Brenda South. Visitors: Deputy Roe.

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 Smith 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 Smith to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023, Council meeting as written. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: None, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 36449 through 36488. Yeas: Orlandi, Bouchey, Smith, Brown. Nays: none, Abstain: Hornbacher. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post reported that the Village of Hillman received confirmation that they had been awarded the Passport Grant for Emerick Park improvements. Resolution 2023-13 should be adopted to accept the grant, and then a motion to allow a signer for the grant should be passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to adopt Resolution 2023-13, Passport Grant. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Brown to have President Hornbacher or Manager Dave Post sign the grant paperwork, depending who signed the original application. All in favor. Motion carried.
(Resolution will be printed at the end of the minutes)

Manager Dave Post reported that he had finished the SAM's sign-up for the Village of Hillman, this is needed to receive Federal Funds. There is a NEMCOG meeting on Thursday morning if any Councilmember would like to attend. The

Community Christmas Dinner is being held at the VFW Hall on Christmas Day. The Hillman Chamber of Commerce held their board meeting and Manager Dave Post was appointed to the board representing the Village of Hillman. Manager Dave Post suggested that several of the Councilmembers meet to review the proposed Emerick Park Ordinance. Manager Dave Post and President Hornbacher will review the current airport lease agreements to see if any changes are in need. The next issue was Manager Dave Post's health insurance and an increase in wages due to the Social Security increase.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Orlandi to increase wages \$1080 for a total of \$22,320 annually and pay \$184.10 monthly for health insurance. All in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Roe addressed the Council regarding speeders in town and in the parking lot behind the Hi-Way Inn. There has been some loud trucks parking in the parking lot doing donuts and just making excessive noise. The deputy asked if the Village Council had any objections to them kicking the offenders out of the parking lot. The Council members all agreed if they are breaking the law then yes remove them. The deputy stated that he had been writing quite a few tickets to violators, speeding mostly in town. The Council thanked Deputy Roe for his service to the community.

Clerk Brenda South reported a request from people working at the Brush Creek mill that the Christmas lights on the building need to be replaced. They requested that the Village replace them. President Hornbacher stated that the roof needs to be replaced and that is the priority. It was determined that there might be replacement lights stored at the DPW garage, if this is the case then the lights can be replaced but no new lights will be purchased.

Manager Dave Post reported that Airport Manager Mark Melligen has been working to identify overgrown trees that may be an issue for the runway, these will be cut next year. The maintenance on the furnace has been completed for this winter. Replacement of the runway lights is still an issue and John Burr will be contacted to work on getting someone to do the work.

Trustee Johnathon Smith reported the abandoned camper trailer in Emerick Park has been removed but there was some junk left, he asked permission to remove this, and the Council agreed that it should be dumped.

Manager Dave Post reported that the property on Jonathon Street behind Daryl Petersons residence has been sold to another person. The original owner had requested sewer to be run to the property line for possible development. Elmers submitted an estimate of \$17,500 for the extension, approximately \$125 a foot. All agreed this was extremely high and suggested contacting other local contractors to get other estimates.

Trustee Steve Orlandi reported that the streetlight on the north side of the Emerick Park entrance needs attention. **Manager Dave Post** reported that the DPW employees are currently switching out lift station pumps. The Lutheran Church near the golf course has requested a water line be brought to the church. The property has been using a private well, but they are selling the home next door (parsonage) and now want Village water brought to the church.

President Dave Hornbacher reported receiving a letter from PIE&G asking for a letter of support for their internet/fiber project. Manager Dave Post stated that Tom Sobeck (CEO) plans to retire in June. A letter of support will be sent as requested. President Hornbacher reported that the VJ Day committee has put together a map with prospective locations for vendors and possibly a carnival on the elementary school property, plans are to make this a 3-day event.

Trustee Velma Brown asked about the parking lot issue behind the Hi-Way Inn, should it be posted. President Hornbacher wasn't sure if that would be legal to post since it is a municipal parking lot. **Clerk Brenda South** said that this was an issue a few years ago in another parking lot, it had to be posted for the Deputies to enforce removal of offenders. This was a private parking lot, not a municipal parking lot. **Trustee Steve Orlandi** said that if the offenders are violating the noise ordinance that could be enforced.

RESOLUTION 2023-13 PASSPORT GRANT

Upon motion made by Trustee Johnathon Smith, seconded by Trustee Velma Brown, the following resolution was adopted:

“RESOLVED, that the Village of Hillman, Hillman, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the Village of Hillman does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

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 6:45 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer