

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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: Johnathon Smith, Thomas Bouchey, and Velma Brown. Absent: Stephen Orlandi. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray and Brenda South. Visitors: Tom Sobeck (Presque Isle Electric and Gas) and Deputy Breed, (Montmorency County Sheriff Department).

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 President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the agenda with the addition of Tom Sobeck. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and supported by Trustee Bouchey to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024, Council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to pay the bills and the additional bills with checks numbered 36598 through 36620. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Tom Sobeck addressed the Council regarding new rates for electric and gas provided by Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co. The monthly availability charge will increase by \$5, electric rates will increase as well. Fiber will be in the Hillman area in about 1 year, there were some issues but should be coming soon. Tom went on to say that he is retiring at the end of June.

Deputy Breed addressed the Council asking if there were any questions for him, one council member stated that there is a green dodge pickup that has been speeding in the Village it has a loud muffler. The deputy said he would be watching for it. The deputy left the meeting to return to patrol.

President Hornbacher presented Resolution 2024-03 for Park Manager for the council to adopt. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adopt Resolution 2024-03 Park Manager. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**VILLAGE OF HILLMAN RESOLUTION 2024-03
PARK MANAGER**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hillman will employ a park manager/employee for the 2024 Emerick Park camping season; and

WHEREAS, Johnathon Smith, Hillman Village Council Trustee has agreed to be the park manager and employee for 2024; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Statutes, Chapter 15, Public Officers and employees, under 1978 PA 368, MCL 33.20904, states “Section 2 shall not be construed to do any of the following:” ... (c) “Limit the authority of the governing body of a city, village, township, or county with a population of less than 25,000 to authorize a public servant to perform, with or without compensation, other additional services for the unit of local government.”

NOW THEREFORE, The Hillman Village Council agrees to employ Village Trustee Johnathon Smith as park manager and employee for the 2024 camping season.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Hillman Village Council the 5th day of March, 2024.

Its: Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____

Manager Dave Post reported that the MSHDA grant is being prepared but the Council needs to designate a signer for this grant. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Brown to designate Village Manager Dave Post as the signer for the MSHDA Grant. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Manager Dave Post reported that the Council will need to adopt the Zoning Board of Appeals Procedures. A meeting will be held prior to the next Council meeting to adopt the ZBA procedures. The Brownfield Grant has been submitted, now we wait. Huntington Bank will submit new plans for upgrading their parking lot, this

will require some removal of village sidewalks. Thunder Bay Clinic made a request to put a drive-thru pharmacy pick-up window at the north side of the clinic building. Originally, they purchased the Hillman Pharmacy building intending to use it for their pharmacy, but this has changed, and they want to add a pick-up window at their clinic building. This would exit behind their building on the cul-de-sac of Orchard Pines Subdivision. The solar panels at the Brush Creek Mill are at the end of their use so Manager Dave Post talked with someone on the state level about replacing the panels. They were excited saying this is a good project for them. Disposal of them, or replacing them, there is funding for all of this. Manager Dave Post said that it might be possible to include replacing the roof in this project, but the Council must make the decision to remove or replace them. June 30th is the deadline to apply. The Planning Commission annual report was included in the agendas, it was prepared by Manager Dave Post as there currently is no chairman of the board. Denise Cline, our zoning expert, says it was acceptable for Dave to sign the report in the absence of a chairman. The plans for the HELP Loan Program will be included in a future agenda for the Councils approval. The Hillman Laundry closing was today. The next issue was the contractor hired for the removal of the buildings on Pine Street. MacArthur does not have a couple of the licenses required by this grant so if he cannot get his licensing aligned the Council may have to go to the next highest bidder for the project. Huron Engineering is working on this issue with the contractor.

President Hornbacher asked if the Council would be hiring a part-time worker again this year to assist with the park and the DPW. The Council agreed and suggested talking with the young man who worked last year to see if he is interested in working again this year.

Trustee Brown reported that the airport lights at Atlanta had been repaired by Chris Hardies, Hillman needs runway lights repaired so we might want to call Chris to do Hillmans. Dan Painter put a new roof on one of his hangars.

Trustee Smith reported that he is getting calls for reservations at Emerick Park, the site is all set for reservations, and he has added more sites this year with the new rates. New brochures are needed since the rate increase, Sue Floer will be contacted since she did the last brochures. Some trees have lost branches so some clean-up will need to be done.

Trustee Brown reported 61 runs for January and February for EMS. 9 fire runs for this year. The board is working on the millage wording for an increase this year. There will be a “mock accident” on Friday at the High School for training.

The new fire truck is being painted but will be brought to the Firemens Ball for the Community to view and then returned to be finished before going into service.

The north side of the town clock is not working again, John will be notified to see if he can get it working again.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Bouchey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer