

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 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: Velma Brown, Johnathon Smith, Thomas Bouchey, and Stephen Orlandi. Employees: Dave Post, Jan McMurray, Brenda South, John Burr. Visitors: Judy Nichols, Ron Floer, Deputy Roe, Yvonne Swager, Robert Kenyon, Mike Prevo, Jamie MacArthur.

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 presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to pay the bills and additional bills with checks numbered 37010 through 37033. All in favor. Motion carried.

Robert Kenyon addressed the Council regarding the 300 State Street Bakery plans. The old building (Sports Center) was torn down last week and there are plans for a new building which will be a bakery. The site has been completely cleared and leveled, there was an existing driveway which exited out on State Street. The sidewalk and stamped concrete that runs along State Street stops at that driveway. The new owner would like this drive removed, new curb, gutter, and sidewalk replaced. Elmers will do the work if the Village is willing to assist in financial support for doing it. There was a question about the sidewalk on Second Street, it stops just after the alley where another drive was located. There is 13 feet of pavement along that stretch of driveway, does the Village want sidewalk there or just the pavement. After some discussion it was determined that pavement should be done along Second Street, striping can be done to mimic sidewalk, but sidewalk along State Street. **Manager Dave Post** stated that he will discuss with Sagassar about any left-over funding from the grant to help with this request. It was decided that Mrs. MacArthur give a firm estimate of the cost of these requests to Manager Dave Post before the next Council meeting. **DPW Supervisor John Burr** said that this is one pocket park in a box at the DPW garage, this would be a great place

to put it. Mrs. MacArthur said if the Village wanted to put it on her property, she would maintain it.

Deputy Roe addressed the Council regarding an erratic driver on State Street and Pleasant Valley, he asked that anyone sees this again please get a description of the vehicle as they cannot catch them without a description. There are also some vehicles that are using “underglow lights” on their vehicles which are illegal, one particular vehicle is a white GMC truck, if seen report it. Deputy Roe reported that there are now undocumented people being brought to our county, in particular, Lewiston. These people are not legal immigrants but do have papers to work. Deputy Roe said that there is nothing that can be done about their illegal status unless they do something criminal, if you see something, say something.

President Hornbacher presented 2 bids for roofing of the south side upper and lower roofs of the Brush Creek Mill. A bid from Schultze for \$18,400 for the south side roof, not including replacing osb if needed, he was called and asked specifically what the total cost would be for repair of boards if needed, he quoted a price of \$34,000. The second bid was from Kenyon Brothers, for \$26,100. **A motion was made by Trustee Orlandi and supported by Trustee Bouchey to accept the bid from Kenyon Brothers for \$26,100 with replacement of osb boards not to exceed \$30,000 for total cost of roof repair. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Manager Dave Post reported that the were denied the sidewalk grant, have not heard anything on the MSHTA grant application . A sample ordinance for short-term rentals was included in the agenda packets, there have been some inquiries about this being allowed. According to our zoning expert and the Village Attorney if it isn't spelled out in the zoning ordinance it is not allowed. There is nothing in the zoning ordinance that addresses short-term rentals. The Council will review the sample ordinance and the requirements before making any changes, as of now, short term rentals are not allowed. Dave contacted a company about disposing of the solar panels from the mill, they charge 30 cents a pound for disposal of them. This could be costly, will keep looking for alternative companies to take them. There is a banner at Emerick Park showing the new playground, the new equipment has been ordered, all prep work is completed. Dave will be out of the office from Thursday afternoon to Friday afternoon for a MML meeting.

Secretary/Bookkeeper Jan McMurray reported that she will be on vacation next week.

Trustee Brown reported that the runway needs to be mowed, the people on the south end of the airport were up but only for a short time and Mark missed them. Most of the runway lights are working, there are only about 5 missing, Hardies has been working on them. A very large plane landed there on Saturday night.

Manager Dave Post reported that there is still issues with the hot water heater at Emerick Park, the blender has been ordered but the water is still too hot at times. There was some vandalism in the ladies bathroom, soap thrown all over the walls. There was a question as to when the water at the sites should be turned off, there are some long-term workers that will still be here in November. A thought would be to move them to the front of the park near the bathrooms so they could use the bathhouse rather than keep water on at their sites.

Trustee Brown reported that both EMS and Fire Millages passed, there were 22 teams for the golf scramble. Still waiting for the title to the truck being purchased from Hubbard Lake. Jaws of Life equipment has been ordered, removal of inactive personnel is still going on.

Trustee Orlandi that the North-east corner of the bridge lights are still out. New lights were ordered. The pocket parks look great.

John Burr reported that well #11 needs to be cleaned, he will get an estimate for that to the Council. He also suggested that roof repair at the mill be delayed until after Applefest, it is scheduled for October 5th. John also reported that cost of doing the vacuuming around the water valves is about \$300 per hour, they will begin tomorrow and work 2 ½ to 3 days. They will be repairing some valves during this process, City of Alpena will be doing the vacuuming.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and supported by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Brenda South, Clerk/Treasurer