

October 1, 2024

The Council for the Village of Hillman met in regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:00 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: Thomas Bouchey, Stephen Orlandi, Velma Brown, and Jonathon Smith. Employees: John Burr, Dave Post, and Jan McMurray. Clerk-Treasurer Brenda South was absent. Visitors: Ron Floer, Judy Nichols, and Yvonne Swagger from the Montmorency Tribune.

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

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Trustee Orlandi and seconded by Trustee Brown. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bouchey and supported by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024, council meeting as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the bills with additions, which includes a bill from NEMCOG for the Brownfield Grant administration in the amount of \$2,370.00 and Sagasser and Associates for \$156,097.32 (Brownfield Grant), with check numbered 37084 through 37103 was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Bouchey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Dave Post gave his report. The zoning permit for the Black Squirrel Bakery was issued today. There is an issue with a person who bought a home in an R-1 area, and has turned it into a duplex which is not allowed in R-1. Dave is working with the homeowner on this issue. The Chamber of Commerce dinner is on October 17th. The auditors turned in the necessary reports at the last minute. Habitat wants to close on Lot 24 in Orchard Pines, but there should be an easement in place before closing. A request has been submitted to the Land Bank Grant for reimbursement. The EGLE paperwork for reimbursement on the old Sports Center cleanup has been submitted. This will be paid to the Village and passed through to NEMCOG and Saggaser. Saggaser will be paying the contractors. The playground equipment is being erected. The Village has been approved for a \$50,000 MSHDA grant for work on the Master Plan and updates for zoning. The grant is good for two years.

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President Hornbacher addressed the payment for sidewalk in front of the old Sports Center. Jamie MacAthur had requested that the Village pay half of the \$10,900 cost. **A motion was made by President Hornbacher and seconded by Trustee Orlandi to pay \$5450 for half the cost of the sidewalk. All in favor. Motion carried.**

There was some discussion regarding the color of shingles for the Brush Creek Mill. The general consensus was to go with a color similar to the existing shingles.

The property taxes that were collected have been turned over to the counties.

Trustee Brown gave the airport report. Manager Mark Melligen has requested assistance in putting up the storm door on the terminal building. Mark will do the hangar inspections.

Manager Dave Post stated that the park project is looking good. It was decided on gray trash cans for the area.

Trustee Brown reported on the Fire and Ambulance Board meeting. There were two vehicle accidents. 216 had issues, but it is back in service now. The state inspection is getting done.

Trustee Orlandi had a question about the bridge light replacement. The lights are here and will be installed.

Employee John Burr told the Council that a chemical should be applied to the lagoons to deter duckweed. The permits have been obtained. **A motion to spend \$7275 for the duckweed application was made by President Hornbacher and supported by Trustee Orlandi. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Judy Nichols, representing Brush Creek Mill, reminded the Council that this week-end is Applefest.

Employee John Burr informed the Council that the Case tractor is in need of repair. The tractor is used for snow removal, and it has been taken to Ginop's.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Dave Hornbacher, President

Jan McMurray, Deputy Clerk