

HECKER VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

October 13, 2015

President Charles Kujawski called the October 13, 2015 regular Board Meeting to order. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members answered roll call: Charles Kujawski, Rich Happel, Jim Mueth, Arnie Eckart, Douglas Van Buren, Gary Wittenauer, Lori Amann and Annette Schreder. Absent were Tricia Maddox and Guy Briley.

Arnie Eckart made a motion seconded by Gary Wittenauer to approve the September 8, 2015, Regular Board Minutes. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor:

- Mayor Kujawski talked about the upcoming Halloween Party that will be held at the Hecker Community Center on Saturday, October 31 from 5:00pm-6:00pm There will be a costume contest, a piñata, free hot dogs, chips and soda.

Visitors:

- Betty Barks of 331 E. Back St. spoke about some water issues she has been having at her residence. She stated that about 3 weeks ago her water was very muddy looking. It did get better after awhile, but she wanted to know what could have caused it and if the water is safe to drink and cook with. Several factors could have caused this such as flushing of the hydrants and there were some issues from where our water comes from.

Committee Reports:

- Police—Rich Happel, Guy Briley and Charlie Kujawski met Monroe County Sheriff Neal Rohlfing to discuss various issues concerning the Village of Hecker, duties of the sheriff's department concerning their contract with the Village and the lines of responsibilities that need to be followed.
- Public Work-- The Bulk Water Station is still waiting to hear from the land owner on a lease offer to the Village.
- Zoning—The minutes from the September 23, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing were presented to the Board. The Zoning Board voted to NOT accept the variance requested by Back Street LLC concerning parking spots.

Mayor Kujawski presented the Board with a Resolution to designate October as Domestic Violence Prevention Month. Rich Happel made a motion seconded by Jim Mueth to accept the Resolution to designate October as Domestic Violence Prevention Month.

Mayor Kujawski presented the Board with **Ordinance 15-006** Revising the Municipal Utility Tax Ordinance to exclude accounts owned by the Village of Hecker.

Jim Mueth made a motion seconded by Douglas Van Buren to accept **Ordinance 15-006** Revising the Municipal Utility Tax Ordinance to exclude accounts owned by the Village of Hecker. A roll call vote was taken:

Rich Happel—yes
Jim Mueth—yes
Trisha Maddox—Absent

Arnie Eckart—yes
Douglas Van Buren—yes
Gary Wittenauer—yes

With 5 yes and on absent, motion passed.

Mayor Kujawski gave the Board information concerning the purchasing of the property at 141 West Monroe Street by the Village of Hecker.

Jim Mueth made a motion seconded by Arnie Eckart to approve Ordinance 15-007 Approving the purchase of the property at 141 West Monroe St. A roll call vote was taken:

Rich Happel—yes

Arnie Eckart—yes

Jim Mueth—yes

Douglas Van Buren—yes

Trisha Maddox—Absent

Gary Wittenauer—yes

With 5 yes and on absent, motion passed.

Jim Mueth made a motion seconded by Douglas Van Buren to approve the treasurer's report and pay all bills submitted for the month of October. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Zoning Board's decision to not grant the parking variance requested by Back Street LLC.

Arnie Eckart made a motion seconded by Douglas Van Buren to pass **Ordinance 15-008** approving the grant of a variance requested by Back Street LLC with respect to Property Commonly known as 310 East Back Street, Hecker, IL. A roll call vote was taken:

Rich Happel—yes

Arnie Eckart—yes

Jim Mueth—yes

Douglas Van Buren—yes

Trisha Maddox—Absent

Gary Wittenauer—yes

With 5 yes and on absent, motion passed.

A quote was given to the Board from Amann Landscaping to remove and replace a portion of sidewalk on W. Monroe St.

Rich Happel made a motion seconded by Gary Wittenauer to approve Amann Landscaping to remove and replace a portion of the sidewalk on W Monroe St. with the amount not to exceed \$1000.00.

Voting 5 yes and 1 absent, motion carried.

A quote from Moore Asphalt was given to the Board to reseal the basketball court and the parking area at the park.

Gary Wittenauer made a motion seconded by Rich Happel to accept the bid of \$875.00 from Moore Asphalt to reseal the basketball court and the parking area at the park. Voting 5 yes and 1 absent, motion carried.

Gary Wittenauer made a motion seconded by Rich Happel to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

The next meeting will be on November 10, 2015.

Submitted by Village Clerk Annette Schreder