

HECKER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
December 13, 2022

President Charles Kujawski called the December 13, 2022 regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30p.m.. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members answered roll call: Rich Happel, Jim Mueth, Aaron Eckart, Arnold Eckart, Douglas Van Buren, Wade Harrelson, Lori Amann and Annette Schreder. Gary Wittenauer was absent.

Douglas Van Buren made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve the November 13, 2022 Regular Board Minutes. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Aaron Eckart made a motion seconded by Rich Happel to approve the treasurer’s report and pay all bills submitted for the month of December. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

**Streets:** Trees have been trimmed in various places around Hecker.

**Zoning:** The Zoning Board had their first meeting in quite a while on Monday, December 12, 2022

President Kujawski handed out the tax levy for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2023 for review by the Board. It was decided to increase the tax levy by 3%.

Aaron Eckart made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve **Ordinance 22-10** Levying the Taxes for the Current Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2022.

A roll call vote was taken:

Rich Happel—yes	Arnold Eckart—yes
James Mueth—yes	Douglas Van Buren—yes
Aaron Eckart—yes	Gary Wittenauer—absent

Voting 5 yeas and 1 absent, motion carried.

Also passed out to the Board for review was the MFT Budget for Calendar Year 2023.

James Mueth made a motion seconded by Arnold Eckart to approve **Resolution 04-2022** to approve the MFT Budget for Calendar Year 2023.

Voting 5 yeas and 1 absent, motion carried.

An ordinance concerning the Village having the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity was also discussed.

Douglas Van Buren made a motion seconded by Arnold Eckart to approve **Ordinance 22-11** Providing for the Submission to the Electore fo the Village of Hecker the question of whether the Village should have the authority to arrange for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers of the Village who have not opted out of such Program. A roll call vote was taken:

Rich Happel—yes	Arnold Eckart—yes
James Mueth—yes	Douglas Van Buren—yes
Aaron Eckart—yes	Gary Wittenauer—absent

Voting 5 yeas and 1 absent, motion carried.

The hourly rate of pay for Village workers was also discussed and recommended to increase the hourly rate.

Rich Happel made a motion seconded by Aaron Eckart to approve **Ordinance 22-12** Revising the Rate of Pay for Hourly Maintenance Workers. A roll call vote was taken:

Rich Happel—yes	Arnold Eckart—yes
James Mueth—yes	Douglas Van Buren—yes
Aaron Eckart—yes	Gary Wittenauer—absent

Voting 5 yeas and 1 absent, motion carried.

Liquor licenses for Back Street Wine and Dine and the Hecker Community Center are up for renewal.

Douglas Van Buren made a motion to approve a Liquor License for Back Street Wine and Dine and the Hecker Community Center for the year January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023. Voting all yeas, motion carried.

President Kujawski Thanked Village Attorney Myron Hanna for his many years of dedicated service to the Village of Hecker.

President Kujawski made several appointment suggestions to the Board.

- Russell Braford as Zoning Board Chairman
- Terry Bruckert as the new Village Attorney

Rich Happel made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve Russell Braford as the Zoning Board Chairman. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Douglas Van Buren made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve Terry Bruckert as the Village Attorney effective January 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2023. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Rich happel made a motion seconded by Douglas Van Buren to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on January 10, 2023

Submitted by Annette Schreder, Village Clerk