

HECKER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2024

President Charles Kujawski called the August 13, 2024, regular Board Meeting to order. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members answered roll call: Charles Kujawski, Rich Happel, Jim Mueth, Aaron Eckart, Arnold Eckart, Gary Wittenauer Lori Amann and Annette Schreder. Absent were Douglas Van Buren and Eric Sutton.

James Mueth made a motion seconded by Arnold Eckart to approve the July 9, 2024 Board Minutes: Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Gary Wittenauer made a motion seconded by Rich Happel to approve the treasurer's report and pay all bills for the month of August. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Clerk's Report: Annette let the Board know who will be up for election in the Consolidated Election to be held in April of 2025. Those up for re-election will be: President Charles Kujawski, Clerk Annette Schreder, and Board members Arnold Eckart, James Mueth and Gary Wittenauer. Annette Will pick up the election packets and have them available at the next Board meeting in September.

Committee Reports:

Police/EMA: Rich Happel mentioned that he spoke with the sheriff about possibly being available in the mornings when school buses and parents/students are driving to school.

Sewer: There were some sewer issues on North Nike St. Visu-Sewer has jetted and put a camera through the pipes in the affected areas.

Water: President Kujawski mentioned that the Village of Hecker will be going through the second batch to get EPA funding for the Water Tower Project.

Huebner Concrete will be fixing the curbing on North Main St. They will also be pouring a concrete pad by the post office for a drive-thru mailbox.

Streets: Oil and chipping date is set for October 1, for the North East section of town.

President Kujawski spoke again on the Grocery Tax for the State of Illinois that is set to expire January 1, 2026. Municipalities can draft an Ordinance to maintain the 1% grocery tax that will be effective January 1, 2026

Rich Happel made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve **Ordinance 24-05** Implementing a Municipal Grocery Tax.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Voting 5 yes and 1 absent, motion carried.

Gary Wittenauer made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve **Resolution R02-2024**

Approving the President to Sign a Contract with Huebner Concrete for North Park Street Drainage Project Bid Award.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Voting 5 yes and 1 absent, motion carried.

President Kujawski also discussed with the Board of the need to change the Village's Utility Billing Program. UB Max has been bought out by gWorks and the Village will be using their utility billing program. Basically, everything will stay the same. gWorks does charge for their ACH setup. The Village will not be passing this charge on to the customers.

Aaron Eckart made a motion seconded by Gary Wittenauer to approve using gWorks for the Village's Utility Billing Program. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

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

Next regular Board Meeting will be on September 10, 2024.

Submitted by Annette Schreder, Village Clerk