

# HECKER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2024

President Charles Kujawski called the October 8, 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. Douglas Van Buren and Eric Sutton were absent.

October has been declared as Violence Prevention Month. A Resolution declaring October as Violence Prevention Month was read by President Charles Kujawski. Kay Clemens was in attendance. She thanked the Village for letting the PSR Group from St. Michael's in Paderborn put purple ribbons on the light poles. Kay stated that over 400 ribbons were placed in several towns in Monroe County.

Rich Happel made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve the September 10, 2024 Board Minutes: Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Lori Amann stated that the Village has received the Insurance bill from the IML. The check will be written but not sent off until November. By paying early, the Village receives a discount.

James Mueth made a motion seconded by Aaron Eckart to approve the treasurer's report and pay all bills for the month of October. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Visitors: Troy Yarber, Sherri Yarber, Melissa Yarber and Elias Torres were in attendance regarding the Fireworks stand they would like to have in Hecker next summer. The stand will be at the Hecker Community Center under the Pavilion. They presented the Board with their signed agreement from the Hecker Community Center.

## Committee Reports:

**Police/EMA:** Discussion was held on the times that the Monroe County Police should be patrolling in Hecker and what their duties should be including enforcing our codes and ordinances. It was also brought up as to why the Village of Hecker no longer receives the monies from fines of those who were ticketed in Hecker. This could be used when negotiating a new contract with Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

**Water:** The Village will be submitting another loan proposal with the EPA for funding on the water tower recoating project.

**Parks:** New equipment was ordered to replace the playground equipment that was vandalized this summer.

**Street:** Oiling and Chipping went well, and everything was completed.

President Charles Kujawski and Trustee Aaron Eckart talked to the Board about a Drainage Waterway Agreement with Dale Haudrich. This will be an agreement with Dale Haudrich to put a drainage waterway on his property to allow drainage for West Washington St., West Jefferson St. and West Eldondale Dr.

Gary Wittenauer made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve **Resolution R03-2024** Approving the Drainage Waterway Agreement.

A roll call vote was taken:

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 talked on the Ordinance 24-07 regarding the borrowing of funds from Bank of Belleville at 6.05% to pay for the Village's portion for the North Park Street Project and the North Main Street Project.

James Mueth made a motion seconded by Rich Happel to approve **Ordinance 24-07** Authorizing Borrowing for the North Park Street Project and the North Main Street Drainage Improvements Project.

A roll call vote was taken:

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 adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Next regular Board Meeting will be on November 12, 2024.

Submitted by Annette Schreder, Village Clerk