

# HECKER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

## November 12, 2024

President Charles Kujawski called the November 12, 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.

Rich Happel made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve the October 8, 2024, Board Minutes: Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Lori Amann was still waiting for the bill from Coast to Coast. With the Coast to Coast bill not to exceed \$200.00, James Mueth made a motion seconded by Rich Happel to approve the treasurer's report and pay all bills for the month of November. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

**Mayor's Report:** Reported that the Halloween kick-off party was well attended once again, and all went well.

Santa's visit will be on Sunday, December 8, 2024, starting around 5:00pm with Santa riding the Fire Truck through town and ending at the Hecker Community Center to visit with the kids.

Committee Reports:

**Police/EMA:** President Kujawski and Trustee Rich Happel met with Sheriff Neal Roling to discuss various issues with the County Police Department. Some issues discussed were the response time when someone calls the County Police Department, parking issues, ticketing and drivers going out to Beck.

**Water:** President Kujawski reported that new laws will go into effect on January 1, 2025, concerning JULIE markings.

The utility billing program will be switching over to gWorks in December.

**Sewer:** President Kujawski mentioned that there were back-ups in the Country Village section of town and at the sewer plant.

**Parks:** The new parts for the damaged equipment are in.

**Street:** The new drive-up letter box at the Post Office is now in place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, which is now a one-way street going south off of Monroe St.

**Zoning:** Zoning Board Chairman Carey Day was present to inform the Board about issues discussed at the Zoning Board Meeting that met on October 28, 2024.

Some highlights discussed were:

- Off-Street Parking and Loading-concerning surfacing: it was recommended to take out wording "at least 2" asphalt" and add "an engineered approved thickness".
- Concerning parking of recreational vehicles—add wording "not to be parked on a street more than 48 hours for loading and unloading purposes or for general maintenance.
- Questioned the variance given to the Wine and Dine concerning the updating of the back parking lot.

- Asked when the lawyer becomes involved in zoning issues? What is his role or procedures.
  1. The lawyer will step in if the violation ends up going to court. Village Attorney stated he is in Monroe County Court on Tuesday mornings with the City of Columbia. The court cost minimum is \$350.00.

The steps to follow when a violation exists:

Verbal warning

Written warning

A non-traffic violation will be written

**Miscellaneous Business:**

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on December 10, 2024, beginning at 6:30pm. The Village Christmas party will be held following the meeting at the Backstreet Wine & Dine with appetizers.

A quote of \$1,800.00 from PSD Software, LLC was handed out giving information on the cost of ULOCO 811 Dig Ticket Software. This will help in complying with the upcoming new JULIE laws.

Gary Wittenauer made a motion seconded by Aaron Eckart to approve the quote and purchase the ULOCO 811 Dig Ticket Software. Voting all ayes, motion passed.

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

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Submitted by Annette Schreder, Village Clerk