

HECKER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2025

President Charles Kujawski called the January 14, 2025, regular Board Meeting to order. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members answered roll call: Charles Kujawski, Jim Mueth, Aaron Eckart, Arnold Eckart, Eric Sutton, Lori Amann and Annette Schreder. Rich Happel, Douglas Van Buren and Gary Wittenauer were absent. Village Attorney Terry Bruckert was also in attendance.

James Mueth made a motion seconded by Aaron Eckart to approve the December 10, 2024, Board Minutes: Voting all ayes, motion carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Water: The JULIE app is up and working. Just a few adjustments need to be made on the app.

President Kujawski spoke on the gWorks water program and how he doesn't think it will work for us and is looking into 2 other programs.

There was a major water break on the property behind 180 N. Orchard St. An independent sewer contractor hit a main water line. The water was shut off for a period of time. This also caused issues at the sewer plant that had to be fixed. A boil order was then in effect for the Village of Hecker.

President Kujawski handed out the proposed budget for the CY2025 MFT from IDOT. The appropriated amount is \$35,000.00 with expenses of \$31,471.70.

Aaron Eckart made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve CY 2025 MFT

Resolution R01-25.

Voting 4 yes (3 trustees and the president) and 2 absent, motion carried.

An agreement with TWM to proceed with the water tower bid process was also handed out and discussed.

Arnold Eckart made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve **Resolution R02-25** entering into an agreement with TWM for Water Tower Recoating Professional Engineering Services.

Voting 4 yes (3 trustees and the President) and 2 absent, motion carried.

As mentioned, President Kujawski handed out 2 proposals for a new utility billing program. The two programs are LOCIS and Muni-Link. After looking over and discussing the pros and cons of both programs, a vote was taken.

Arnold Eckart made a motion seconded by James Mueth to accept the proposal from LOCIS for their Utility Billing Program. Voting 4 ayes (3 trustees and the president) with 2 absent, motion carried.

Two proposed Ordinances amending section 40-5-3.4 and Section 40-7-7 of the Village Code were also handed out and discussed. These ordinances will be voted on at the next meeting.

A proposal from Schulte Supply for supplies to repair several water shutoff valves was also handed out and discussed.

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

Next regular Board Meeting will be on February 11, 2025, beginning at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Annette Schreder, Village Clerk