

# HECKER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2025

President Charles Kujawski called the March 11, 2025, regular Board Meeting to order. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members answered roll call: Charles Kujawski, Rich Happel, Aaron Eckart, Arnold Eckart, Douglas Van Buren, Gary Wittenauer, Eric Sutton, Lori Amann and Annette Schreder. James Mueth was absent.

Aaron Eckart made a motion seconded by Douglas Van Buren to approve the February 11, 2025, Board Minutes: Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Rich Happel made a motion seconded by Gary Wittenauer to approve the treasurer's report and pay all bills for the month of March including Ameren, Mascoutah Equipment and Kevin Jany. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor's Report: President Charles Kujawski attended an informational program meeting with TWM.

## Committee Reports:

**Water:** The engineering on the water tower project has been approved, and options will need to be decided on. Application was submitted to the EPA for loan approval on the water tower project. The Village should hear by July 1, 2025 if the loan has been approved.

**Zoning:** Carey Day, President of the Zoning Board, spoke to the Board about the Variance Hearing held at the Village Hall on Monday, February 17, 2025, concerning a setback variance for the property at 141 N. Orchard. Carrie Day reported that after discussing the issue, the Zoning Board recommended that the Variance issue be denied.

Aaron Eckart made a motion seconded by Douglas Van Buren to approve Ordinance 25-01 Granting a Setback Variance for 141 N. Orchard Lane.

A roll call vote was taken:

Arnold Eckart—yes

James Mueth—absent

Rich Happel—Abstain

Douglas Van Buren—Nay

Aaron Eckart—Nay

Gary Wittenauer—Nay

Voting 1 Absent, 1 Abstain, 1 Yes and 3 Nays, **the motion failed to pass.**

Douglas Van Buren made a motion seconded by Aaron Eckart to approve the **Ordinance 25-02** amending Section 40-7-3 of the Village Code regarding the regulation of Fences and Walls within the Village of Hecker.

A roll call vote was taken:

Arnold Eckart—yes

James Mueth—absent

Rich Happel—yes

Douglas Van Buren—yes

Aaron Eckart—yes

Gary Wittenauer—yes

Voting 1 Absent and 5 yes, the motion passed.

Aaron Eckart made a motion seconded by Arnold Eckart to approve **Ordinance 25-03** Amending Section 40-3-16 of the Village Code regarding Accessory Use Restrictions. A roll call vote was taken:

Arnold Eckart—yes	James Mueth—absent
Rich Happel—yes	Douglas Van Buren—nay
Aaron Eckart—yes	Gary Wittenauer—nay
Charles Kujawski--yes	

Voting 1 Absent, 4 yes, and 2 Nays, the motion passed.

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 April 8, 2025, beginning at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Annette Schreder, Village Clerk