

HECKER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2025

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

James Mueth made a motion seconded by Gary Wittenauer to approve the October 14, 2025, Board Minutes: Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Rich Happel made a motion seconded by Doug Van Buren to approve the treasurer's report and pay all bills submitted for the month of November. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Mayors Report: Aaron Eckart reported that the Cemetery Fund accounts that were at Midland States Bank will be closed and moved to Bank of Monroe. This included 2 checking accounts and several Certificate of Deposits. The CD's will be moved upon their maturity from Midland States Bank. The Bank of Monroe offered better interest rates.

Committee Reports:

Police: Rich Happel said he wanted to meet with the Monroe County Sheriff to set up better patrol in the Village

Public Works: The Village is sending some of the new part time employees to Swansea, IL for training. Water and sewer rates will be looked at to see if an increase is necessary. The Certificate of Deposit for Sewer is coming due soon. It was decided to keep \$80,000.00 in a new CD and the remainder will be put into the Sewer Fund Account.

Streets: President Aaron Eckart mentioned that the streets were recently swept to pick up any loose rock from street oiling. This rock will be saved and reused with new rock at the next street oiling. Because of a low balance in the Motor Fuel Account, the Village may skip a year with street oiling. Aaron spoke with the Monroe County Highway Department, and they said our streets look good and skipping a year should be fine.

President Aaron Eckart passed out the new contract agreement with Reliable Sanitation. It will be a five-year agreement from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030.

Rich Happel made a motion seconded by Deanna Louveau to approve **Resolution 25-03** to enter a Contract with Reliable Sanitation Service, Inc for Trash and Recycling Collection Services upon the correction made to the Resolution suggested by the Village Attorney which reads: Foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hecker, IL.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Rich Happel—yes	Arnold Eckart—yes
James Mueth—yes	Douglas Van Buren—yes
Deanna Louveau—yes	Gary Wittenauer—yes

Voting 6 yes, motion carried.

Deanna Louveau asked about repainting the restricted parking areas at the intersection of Rt. 159 and Rt. 156.

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

The next meeting will be held on December 9, 2025 beginning at 6:30pm with the Christmas Party following at the Backstreet Wine and Dine.

Submitted by Annette Schreder
Village Clerk