

HECKER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2026

President Aaron Eckart called the February 10, 2026, 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, Gary Wittenauer, Eric Sutton, Lori Amann and Annette Schreder. Douglas Van Buren and Charlie Kujawski were absent.

Gary Wittenauer made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve the January 13, 2026, Board Minutes: Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Rich Happel made a motion seconded by Deanna Louveau to approve the treasurer's report and pay all bills submitted for the month of February. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

President Aaron Eckart reported to the Board that he recently met with a representative with the State Archives Office to help see what documents, files etc. the Village needs to retain and what can be destroyed. The Archives Rep is filling out the information, and it will be submitted to the State.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery: Discussion was held on the present pricing of the cemetery plots and the possibilities of increasing the plot prices. The present price is \$400.00 per plot. Aaron said the average plot prices in the area are anywhere from \$600.00-\$750.00 per plot. It was also discussed on having resident/non-resident pricing. A recommendation was made to raise the price to \$650.00 per plot and \$350.00 for cremation. Aaron asked the Board members to think about it and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Economic Development: A meeting of the Enterprise Zone was recently held concerning the boundary changes for the Enterprise Zone.

Public Works: Aaron handed out a Rate Assessment for the Village of Hecker on Water and Sewer rates. This was put together by the Illinois Rural Water Association. Included was the data on existing rates and the deficit the Village is running at and what the Village rates need to be to be able to run in the black. Further discussion will be needed to consider what needs to be done. Aaron did mention that water needs to increase by 42% to help with the water tower project and other repairs needed. This increase will likely be made gradually.

Streets: Reported that the recent snow removal went well.

Zoning: Zoning board president Carey Day was present to report on the Zoning Boards recent meeting and what they are going over.

Aaron said there are 2 vacancies on the Zoning Board at present. He has talked with several people about possibly filling the spots.

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

Next meeting will be on March 10, 2026
Submitted by Annette Schreder, Village Clerk

