

HECKER VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2026

President Aaron Eckart called the January 13, 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, Lori Amann and Annette Schreder. Douglas Van Buren, Charlie Kujawski, and Eric Sutton were absent.

Arnold Eckart made a motion seconded by James Mueth to approve the December 9, 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 submitted for the month of January. Voting all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor's Report: President Aaron Eckart passed out a paper showing the design of a 250th commemorative coin for the Village of Hecker. Discussion was held on the design. It was decided to leave as is and order 50 coins to start. The coins cost \$6.00 each to make. It was suggested to charge \$10.00 to sell to the public.

Aaron also reported that the Ringing of the Bells on New Year's Day went well and that there was a nice attendance.

Aaron met with a State Archives Representative to see what reports, documents, files and other items the Village needs to retain and what can be eliminated.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Rich reported after talking with the sheriff's department, patrolling in the Village has improved.

Economic Development: President Aaron Eckart spoke on the Monroe-Randolph Enterprise Zone. He passed out a Process Guide for Board members to look over.

He is also hoping to get a 2026 Business Directory together for the Village of Hecker.

Public Works: The new valves to put in place after last year's water main break have been ordered and received. It was also decided to order several extras to put in places that would be easy to turn off sections of water if needed instead of turning off the whole town. The Village will be looking for bids to install the valves.

A walk thru at the sewer plant showed that there is some erosion on one side of the dam at the plant. After talking with the neighboring landowner, permission was given to remove some of the trees near the erosion.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Terry Bruckert spoke on Solar Farms.

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

The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2026.

Submitted by Annette Schreder
Village Clerk