

Village of Creston Minutes Tuesday, May 7, 2024

President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees Elliot, Hibshman, Hopkins, Katzman, Kerns, and Ward were present. Attorney Crull was also present.

President Byro introduced the April 2, 2024 minutes and asked for additions or corrections. Trustee Katzman referenced the wording of something said during the meeting that he and Trustee Elliot had with Hillman Group was stated incorrectly. Clerk Payton made a note of the correction and made it prior to publishing the April 2 minutes. Trustee Ward made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Trustee Katzman seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented with corrections.

Visitors & Communications – President Byro asked if there were any visitors or communications. President Byro introduced a letter from IDOT regarding the milling, patching and resurfacing of 3.55 miles of IL Route 38 from Mulford Rd to the DeKalb County line, starting 6/14/24.

Doug Kroupa, President of the Creston-Dement Public Library board introduced Dan Eallonardo, who is the consultant for the library construction. The property has been graded and they found a couple of issues. They added more lime and more gravel for proper drainage. Everything is graded and none of the dirt from the facility has been moved out. It will be used for other locations on the property as construction continues. The footings will be installed, and the water connections and other utilities will be installed. The water connections will require road closures and some road construction. The water main that connects the library from Cederholm to the next block will be a T. Three to four houses will lose water during that time period for four to eight hours depending on construction. It will also shut down Main St during that time. The second utility connection will be on Cederholm, which will result in the closing of Cederholm St for a short period of time, four to six hours. After construction is completed, the road will be repaired. Gravel will be poured and be allowed to settle, and this will happen as often as needed until the library construction is completed, and then it will be repaired to match the current road conditions when the parking lot is asphalted. Mr. Eallonardo stated that the water main connection east of Main St was originally intended to be a 4" tap into a 4" water main. The plumbing contractor indicated that would be problematic not only because of the size of the tap going into the size of the pipe, but also because of the age of the pipe. The recommendation was to change that to a cut-in T. The line must be shut off to accomplish this. Curtis Loyd was at the site last week and they looked at what it would take to isolate that line. If the valves worked as they were expected to, a few houses would be out of service during the making of that path. The water service would need to be off for four hours, and the road repair would take another three to four hours. President Byro asked Mr. Eallonardo if he was the one that he spoke to on the phone and he stated yes that they had spoken about a meter. Mr. Eallonardo stated that the meter situation has been resolved and that they would be asking for a 1" meter, and the request would be made formally down the road a bit. Mr. Eallonardo wanted to confirm that the water shutdown and the road closure were acceptable. President Byro stated that the Village would just need two to three days' notice. Mr. Eallonardo said that the work would happen in about two to two-and-a-half weeks. President Byro said he had spoken with Michelle at Gehrke regarding the sewer part and Mr. Eallonardo stated that would be the second phase. Michelle would give a time frame down the line and Mr. Eallonardo said that would not require a shutdown. President Byro said that as far as he was concerned, everything was a go. Mr. Eallonardo said that the plan would be to backfill both excavations with gravel, let them settle and then put an asphalt patch on them. Michele from Gehrke said they would be responsible for that part of it. Curtis Loyd asked if a gate valve would be installed on the 4" service they were installing. Mr. Eallonardo stated that the plan was to install it immediately after the T in the parkway north of Main St. The engineers don't require it, but often times a valve is also installed at the property line. He stated that if the Village required that, to let them know and they would install it. Mr. Eallonardo said the issue with the 2nd valve is that if the library is ever shut down for any length of time, a dead leg would be created, which is not desirable. The one gate valve would allow the Village to shut down the water if necessary. Mr. Eallonardo said that as long as no one had any objections, they would coordinate with the Village for timing and two to three days' notice was no issue. President Byro said that if a couple of days' notice is given, there should be no issues. Trustee Hopkins asked if it was a 4" main. Mr. Eallonardo stated that the service to the library was a 4" main, and Trustee Hopkins asked about the main it would connect to, and Mr. Eallonardo stated that it was also a 4" main. Mr. Eallonardo said that usually a larger pipe goes into a 4" main. The service is oversized for the building for any future fire protection requirements. If the building is expanded to the point that it needed fire protection, the road would have to be dug up again. Trustee Ward asked who would notify the residents who would be losing water for the day as they should get some kind of notice. Trustee Ward felt that since it was only four houses, they should be hand-delivered a notice. Trustee Ward said that they would be under a boil order as well, so they should be notified. Trustee Elliot asked if signage would be put up so that people would be aware of what was going on. He also said that they needed to determine where the traffic flow would go. President Byro stated that they would have to go up Woodlawn Rd to Depot St. Mr. Eallonardo said that if the board knew where they wanted the detour to go, they would make sure the signage was up the day before. President Byro asked Mr. Eallonardo to keep the Village in the loop. Mr. Kroupa asked if there were any other questions and there were none.

Attorney Crull stated that he didn't have much that wouldn't be covered later. He did ask the Board to keep him in the loop regarding the progress of the 2 properties that have new owners and whether the work was being completed. President Byro stated he saw a new roof on the North St property. Casper stated that they have had a rough-in, so they were installing insulation and drywall and the next inspection Casper would do would be a final inspection. Atty Crull asked about the Depot St property and Casper said he has not heard from the owners of that property. President Byro said there were piles of brush on the property. He said he wasn't sure what work was being done on the house, but they had been cleaning up the yard. Atty Crull said that the owners had bought quite a few properties in the scavenger sale and he wanted to make sure the Village got priority.

Casper Manheim spoke about the 2024 ICC Code Books. He spoke with Clerk Payton, and she told him that the Board had approved \$1500 to buy the necessary books. The next step would be for him to get together with Atty Crull and ordinances would need to be revised to change the code from 2006 to 2024 Code Books. Clerk Payton added Casper to the next month's agenda for that. Casper said he wasn't sure if he had dropped off the books to Atty Crull and Atty Crull said that Casper did not drop off the books, but he did drop off a list of the books. Casper wasn't sure if the books could be ordered yet or not. Casper said that once the Board approved the ordinance changes, then 30 days had to lapse before the new code could be enforced. Casper also talked about increasing the fees for water and sewer connections for building in the new subdivisions as the Village's rates were quite low compared to other communities.

Kevin Bunge was not present. He sent an email that President Byro presented. The email stated that the plan for the large storm sewer connecting the railroad tracks to Cederholm St was in progress and would likely come out to bid in May. A public bid needed to be done. Trustee Ward posed a question: he didn't believe that the Board said the project would be put out for bid. They just asked for a cost estimate. He felt Kevin was going too far ahead in the plan. President Byro said he would talk to Kevin about it. Kevin said he would let the Board know if the landowners needed to be contacted regarding easements. Kevin's email stated they had also done their best to keep an eye on the water leaks in the Subdivision and he stated that he usually learned things after the fact. He said that getting notice ahead of time had been rare. President Byro said that it had been quiet up there the last couple of weeks. The Quiet Zone was on hold pending further direction. They were keeping an eye on the library and there was nothing to report. Regarding the ARPA Water Main Project, a punch list had been completed regarding the sunken trenches and coordination with a contractor. President Byro said that Jack Kerns had been taking care of that. Kevin's email said that they were also aware of the Village's desire to add valves to strategic locations and he had not been asked for assistance yet. Curtis Loyd needed to come up with a couple of locations for them to work on this year and next year. Trustee Ward knew what was going on with that, so President Byro suggested that Trustee Ward and Mr. Loyd get together and work on that. Kevin's email also stated that C.E.S. would be donating \$500 to the OCEDC organization. Trustee Katzman said that regarding the Quiet Zone, most of the Board members were under the impression that Kevin was in the process of setting up a meeting and that the ball was in Kevin's court. Trustee Ward said that he, President Byro and Kevin needed to sit down and meet about it. Trustee Katzman said that Kevin had a couple of contacts regarding the railroad. Trustee Ward said that the railroad representative wanted money to have a meeting. President Byro stated that the rep wanted \$30,000 to come out and take care of their end.

Committee Reports

Finance - Trustee Hopkins had nothing.

Streets & Alleys – Trustee Ward had nothing.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Kerns had nothing.

Health & Safety - Trustee Hibshman had nothing.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Katzman said he had nothing other than the library, which has been taken care of. He also said he hadn't heard anything about the situation with Hillman. He asked Trustee Elliot if he had heard anything, and he said no.

Subdivision - Trustee Elliot stated that the subdivision had been pretty quiet. He asked Tim Hayden if he had anything to report on the subdivision. Mr. Hayden stated he had sent Mr. Tess a revised version of the development agreement to be more current and move that forward. He stated he would like to get together and talk about that in the near future. He also stated he wanted to discuss the water in detail. They had tested a couple of days, and did repairs a couple of days, and he did not feel that was the best strategy. He stated originally, they discussed the best logistics for building houses, and the water seems to be elusive. He said that in some spots they should build around it or over it and fix and repair as it was most cost effective to do it as you are building. He said that part of it was working with C.E.S, and he said he was at a loss regarding Kevin's comments regarding being informed. He stated that long emails streams had gone back and forth with 7 people from C.E.S. included, but he said that was a side note. He stated that they had

done some more cleanup. They would do some burning once the debris was dry enough. He assumed that would not be an issue if he gave notice to the Fire Department. He said that the large trees would be taken down and they would kill the roots and get rid of them. President Byro said Atty Tess was having issues getting a hold of Mr. Hayden's attorney, Amanda Martinez, and he had been dealing with some health issues. Atty Crull stated they received the proposed ordinance the day before, and they would meet. Mr. Hayden said he felt it was two separate things. He felt that have a meeting regarding the water with a slightly different group of people, and then have a separate meeting about the agreement so that they can make a logical plan about where the water can be turned on and off. He felt that they could cost-effectively regulate the main drag. Someone put the main on the park side across the street even though there were no houses on that side of the street. He said there was a bad spot there, and they would get a boring contractor to talk about making that stretch done and over with as that was not a stretch they wanted to build on right away. Mr. Hayden believed that Pierce St was where they should start and take care of both sides of the road, and with two groups of buildings, the whole street would be taken care of. President Byro said it would be nice to have those lines filled up again. Mr. Hayden said that they could make a map and label it, and when they got through one part, they could turn some of the water on, and then move to the next area. Mr. Hayden said that they would get back on some of the tree work. President Byro said that they would get back with him, and Trustee Kerns could be involved as he oversees the water. Mr. Hayden said he would like to get both aspects of it going. He said that they were getting some inquiries, so he was optimistic that there was some interest.

New Business – President Byro introduced Charlene Coulombe, who is the director of the OCEDC. President Byro said he and Trustee Elliot had been talking about it and he asked Ms. Coulombe to come and give the Board a synopsis of the OCEDC and how they could help the Village. Ms. Coulombe stated that Trustee Elliot passed out some data and for some reason as she was sitting there thinking about the Village, what escaped her mind was that when she was talking to the other communities, they were part of the team that was creating the foundation. Creston was not, so she left that part out. She said she would like to include that, so the Board had an understanding. There was a time things started in 2013, and they went on hold for a while, and then they started up again three to four years ago. The parties involved were Ogle County, GREDCO Rochelle, Mount Morris, Oregon and Polo. This is the group that started the foundation of this organization. They did a national search for a director. She discussed her background so that the Board would have an idea about her knowledge base and her experience. She said she had been in the field for 35 years. This was her 3rd County position. She had worked for towns as small as 3500. She said that it was not about the size of the community, but what the community needed and wanted, and how OCEDC and the community could help each other. There is strength in numbers and knowledge, and as they work together as a team, there may be things that come into play that maybe no one else knew about. She said she arrived early and she had time to spend with Trustee Elliot and President Byro, as well as Trustee Katzman at one point, and started finding out about the Village's 240 acres. Hilltop is the name of the development group, and they have had it quite a long time. She said the good news was that there were some deals out there and that could result in a building in our community. The first part of her position has to do with properties; properties that are owned and properties that could be sold. They are not looking for residential property. They are looking for land lots that can be used for housing development, manufacturing, or any retail developments. She has 2 nationwide databases that can be used, and she would post those. Not only do they go to site selectors, but they go to prospective buyers. She also has a group of people she has known throughout the years who will call her and ask if she knows someone who has certain properties, and those kinds of contacts are what makes things happen. Once they get a positive experience in working with a community, it snowballs and helps everything else in the community as well. The more people hear, the more people spend money, the more people buy homes, and so on. Sometimes one might have something come up and he/she wants to bounce it off of her. She would be a service to the Board and a service to the community as well. If there was a struggling business, or a resident who was having a hard time finding a job, or someone who lost their job and wanted to start a new business, the Village could send them to her, and she would see how she could help them. She said they also do marketing. She has the 240 acres listed in the lowest site, on a location on a site selector site. She said she could also add ICSC, which could bring a mall or something retail, or even a manufacturer who needs to sell in this region. She said that she used to go to ISCS conventions in Las Vegas in May and she would give out their brochure and tell them to call her in 3 years, or put the brochure in their folder, and sometimes it was about who they were, and who they worked with. She said sometimes they worked with one real estate broker or one construction firm. She said she also wanted to mention that a few days ago she saw a grant that could help a community and she was able to submit it in 2 days. She said that there are things that are brought to their attention, and she would work with a community to find out if there are grants that could help them. She stated that Creston's location is awesome. She said she was trying to recruit some homebuilders to come to Oregon and she said they wouldn't go past Creston. She spoke about Casper's suggestion about raising rates and she said she would double-check that as most people were waiving those rates. She said it is so hard to get builders to come into any of these communities and Creston is in a fortunate location. She suggested comparing rates, but she said that even Rochelle was waiving real estate taxes, permit fees, and impact fees. She said she was not telling the Village to do that, but she did suggest that the Village wanted to protect itself and cover their costs, but it is important to know that housing is hot right now, and it is hard to get builders to come out this way. It is important to have a good reputation in the housing industry and she really wants to bring some more home developers out this way. She asked if anyone had any questions or thoughts that had occurred to anyone while she was talking. She said she travels a lot, and she can always be reached via cell phone. She said she could also be reached via email. She welcomed any questions. She reiterated that the OCEDC are a service to the Board and the community and the Board also provides that service to

our community. She said it isn't easy to have an economic development director in every community, and she is here to help us. President Byro said that he and Ms. Coulombe were talking about the possible sewer upgrades, and that Ms. Coulombe told him there are grants available. Ms. Coulombe said that there is a RISE grant out there. Trustee Elliot asked if she writes the grant and she said she does. She said that information is needed and what came to her mind with the RISE grant is that it isn't due for a few months and infrastructure is included. She said that Ogle County has already received the first round and to be eligible, you have to part of that circle, and Creston is now a part of that circle. She said that infrastructure and housing stock are what this region needs, and that puts Creston in front of a lot of people. She said sometimes applications, and some are simple and some are not. She said that you don't know until you ask, and you might rise to the top. Trustee Ward asked who the RISE grant is through, and she said the RISE grant is through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. She also said that anytime we ask ourselves a question about whether Char can handle this, if it involves the financial impact to our community, then it is something she could be involved in. President Byro thanked her for coming and Ms. Coulombe thanked the Board for having her.

President Byro introduced the 2024 Supplemental Budget & Appropriations Ordinance. Treasurer Payton apologized to the Board for not having their checks ready last month. She said she tried to cut them that day and there was an issue with the software, so she hoped to have them done the following day. She stated that a supplement had to be done to move things from line item to line item. The Appropriations Ordinance is the same amount. No additional monies were spent. She made it simpler this year by only listing the items that needed to be changed and what item she took the money from. She stated she needed to have the Board look it over and she would be glad to answer any questions they had. Trustee Ward made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 05072024. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Trustees Katzman, Ward, Hibshman, Elliot, Kerns and Hopkins all voted yes. The ordinance passed.

President Byro introduced the Rural Communities Mini- Food Center. Ogle County got a \$500,000 grant to feed needy people throughout the county. They are going to build small sheds and put them in different communities around Ogle County. They are going to stock them with a refrigerator and shelves and whoever is in need of food can take what they need. They are going to stock it for 3 years and will come out every week to restock it. Trustee Elliot asked if there were more copies of the information packet and President Byro said it was the only copy he had. President Byro said that there was a meeting a couple of weeks ago with the churches, the Township, the Booster Club, and President Byro was there. They are looking for a place to put the shed and the only cost to the community would be the electricity to run the refrigerator. There was a lot of discussion about whether Creston needs this or not. Trustee Kerns asked if someone would be manning it all day, and President Byro said no. It will be unattended. Trustee Hibshman asked if there was a code to get in and President Byro said no. Trustee Ward said he thought about it and there will be people that abuse it, but if you take care of the 1 or 2 people that really, really need it, then it is worth it. Trustee Ward's son Ben was there representing the Fire Department and he said that they go into a lot of houses in the community, and they see how people live, and there is definitely a need for it. He stated, don't just think about the little poor family, but think about the elderly person living on Social Security having trouble making ends meet, and inflation and prices are out of control and there are people struggling. Curt Loyd asked who would be keeping an eye on it. He said that there is so much mischief going on in the community and people destroy things, and he wanted to know who would protect it and keep it clean. Trustee Ward said that that was the County's responsibility and that someone would come out weekly to clean it and stock it. President Byro said the real question is where it would go. He said he didn't talk to anyone connected with the school. He said there was another meeting coming up on May 16th or 17th, and more discussion would be had regarding if it was plausible and if so, where it would be placed. Trustee Hibshman said that he felt the best way to handle it would be to have a padlock with a code on it and give the code to people who qualify for it. Trustee Kerns asked if there wasn't a better way to spend the money than to put sheds all over the county. He said he was all for helping people, but he didn't think it would work. Rochelle has a food pantry, and Trustee Kerns asked if they couldn't give the money to the food pantry. Trustee Elliot talked about the dimensions of the sheds and that it has a couple of shelves and a freezer. President Byro said that the FFA from Oregon High School was building them. Trustee Kerns said it was \$800 with the refrigerator in it. Trustee Ward said that they already have the grant, and it was for this project, whether they put it here or in Hillcrest, they wanted to spread them around. President Byro said that he thought they were going to put the first one in Amboy. Treasurer Payton said that she thought Sterling already had one. President Byro said he just wanted everyone to know what was going on. Trustee Ward said that the shed is portable, so if it doesn't work out, they could move it somewhere else. Trustee Elliot asked how the Village would get feedback on it. President Byro said that if it was placed downtown, the kids would get into it. He said you couldn't put cameras up to watch people as it would infringe on their rights. Trustee Ward said that the sheds would give people who are too proud to go to the food pantry a place to go and get some food without people seeing them. Trustee Elliot asked what input the churches had. He said he would like to see it go more toward the churches. President Byro said that the new pastor at the Lutheran Church had only been in town a couple of weeks. The Methodist pastor was there but didn't say much. He said he didn't know if the Baptist minister was there or not. Trustee Kerns said if the shed was placed on church property, at least someone could be in the area to watch it. He said he would be open for helping the church pay for the electricity. President Byro said he didn't know what the answer was, but he didn't think anyone would use it. Trustee Ward said that the school could be asked about how many kids were on free or reduced lunch. That would be the real indicator of the need. Trustee Elliot said that there is no doubt there is a need.

Old Business – President Byro introduced the website. She said that she has gone back and forth between the two proposals, and it has not been an easy decision as both companies bring a lot to the table. She said she was leaning toward Town Web because they do yearly trainings beyond the 24/7 tech support. She also asked Town Web about the disparity between the \$216 yearly branded emails and what Revize offered for \$84 per year. Town Web is Google Certified, and the entire Google Workspace is available, They also do their archiving through Jatheon. Branded emails are also less likely to go into spam folders, which is another reason for the higher price. Since the Village deals with time sensitive issues, it would be good to know that the email might not end up in someone's spam folder. President Byro asked if that would be 3 emails per year and Clerk Payton said it would be 5: 3 for the Village and 2 for the Township. Clerk Payton said she was leaning toward Town Web, but she opened it up for discussion, so that everyone could have their input on which proposal they felt was the best option. She wanted everyone to have a chance to weigh in before any proposals were signed. Town Web said that without the custom website design, the timeframe would be 8 weeks, which meant the website could be up and running in July. Revize gave a time frame of four to six weeks. Clerk Payton felt that for the money, Town Web offered more, but she wanted it to be open for discussion in case someone had other ideas or opinions. President Byro asked if the Township had agreed to come in with the Village and Treasurer Payton, who is also Dement Township Supervisor, said yes. Clerk Payton stated that would require an Intergovernmental Agreement, and she asked Attorney Crull if an Intergovernmental Agreement could be done between 3 entities: the Village, Dement Township and the Creston-Dement Park District. Attorney Crull said it could. He said it would be pretty basic. He said that everyone is going to do their part, no questionable content will be posted, and the administrator will be responsible for content. Clerk Payton said it will not be like Facebook. Residents will not be able to post content. Anything that anyone wants posted would have to have approval. She said she does want to feature local businesses, as that is one way the Village can help the community boost that. She has witnessed frustration on Facebook because the "You Know You're From Creston If..." group does not allow businesses to post anything marketing-related, so this is a way for local businesses to have some visibility. The library and the school had been discussed as possible partners, but it was decided that they would be mentioned and their emails would be provided. If either entity has an event they want posted, we can include those, but we didn't want to get too complicated by including too many entities. Clerk Payton encouraged the Board and those in attendance to provide any ideas they may have, as she wants the website to be a good thing for those in the community and those outside the community who are curious about our Village to be able to find whatever they need. President Byro asked about ballpark cost. For Town Web, the first year would be \$3795, including the one-time setup fee of \$1200; the hosting/maintenance/unlimited support of \$1500, the 5 branded emails at \$1080, and domain management of \$15 per year. The initial outlay the first year would be \$3795 and yearly cost after that would be \$2595. Trustee Katzman asked if that was the total before the split with the Township. Clerk Payton said yes. Attorney Crull asked if the Park District would also be paying, and Clerk Payton said she didn't know what kind of budget the Park District had. Trustee Elliot, who is also the Park District Supervisor, said whatever they needed to do. Clerk Payton asked if the Park District wanted an email address and Trustee Elliot said yes. He said they used to have all that stuff and that they don't need anything much. Clerk Payton said that with the addition of the sixth email, the initial outlay would be \$4011 and the yearly cost after that would be \$2811. Trustee Katzman asked if Trustee Elliot needed to run that by his board, and he said they had already discussed it. He said he would bring it up again at the next meeting. President Byro asked if the cost would be divided in thirds. Clerk Payton and Treasurer Payton both said it was fine with them. Trustee Elliot wanted to talk to the park board about it and he would let us know. Clerk Payton stated that Town Web's proposal ended the following day, so if a decision was not made at the meeting, then she would have to tell Town Web they can't meet the deadline. She said that would not be a travesty, as Revize was also a great option and there would be no issue in going with them. Clerk Payton said that the gentleman she had been communicating with from Town Web was on vacation and she could email the person she had been dealing with while he was gone and ask for an extension. If they say no, then the Village could go with Revize. Trustee Hibshman said there was no reason to wait a week. He recommended going ahead and accepting the proposal and it could stated at this time that the Village and the Township would split the cost 50/50, and whatever the park district can contribute, they will contribute. Trustee Elliot made a motion to work with Town Web and develop an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Township and possibly the Park District. Trustee Hibshman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Trustees Hopkins, Kerns, Elliot, Hibshman, Ward and Katzman all voted yes.

President Byro announced that the Board needed to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

President Byro asked for a motion to return to Regular Session. Trustee Elliot made a motion to return to Regular Session. Trustee Ward seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Trustee Hopkins made a motion to hire Test, INC as the Village's new water operator. Trustee Kerns seconded the motion. President Byro asked if there was any discussion. Trustee Elliot asked if the cards that were discussed previously were 3X5 index cards. He wanted to know what the backup file on that was. President Byro said don't lose them. Trustee Hopkins stated to keep MGD from taking them. Mr. Loyd said they were in his desk. Trustee Hopkins asked if MGD still had access to them and Mr. Loyd said no. Mr. Loyd said he had no idea how much paperwork Mike Megurdichian gave to Jeremy Lin when he took over the business. Mr. Loyd tried

to call Mr. Lin several times and got no response. He said he really could not say what information or documents he had that Mr. Megurdichian gave him. The cards were what Mike gave to Mr. Loyd. The cards have the hydrant numbers and what brand they are, and Trustee Elliot said he was worried about the security of the cards. Mr. Loyd said there was no security. Trustee Ward suggested having Clerk Payton make a spreadsheet from the cards to have a backup for them.

Roll Call Vote was taken on the motions to hire Test, INC. Trustees Kerns, Katzman, Hopkins, Ward, Elliot and Hibshman voted yea. Trustee Ward suggested that the Village document that they were terminating MGD's service and that MGD return any documents pertinent to the Village of Creston, and return all keys they were given. Trustee Kerns asked if the Village still owed him money.

President Byro said yes. Trustee Kerns said that was how you got your keys back. Trustee Ward said getting a new key was as easy as going to Walmart and getting a copy. Trustee Elliot said if it took changing the locks, change the locks. Trustee Ward suggested going to a touchpad as it was really easy to change the code. Mr. Loyd said that he had a set of keys made for Ed, who worked for Mr. Lin, and he also had a set made for Mr. Lin.

Trustee Ward said that when he was fire chief, he had an envelope that said station keys 1-30. He could only account for 13 keys. It cost over \$300 to re-core 3 doors on the station. That was why they went to a keypad because when someone left, he just deleted their code.

President Byro also brought up that the Village was now buying the testing chemicals directly instead of through the water operator.

Treasurer's Report – President Byro introduced the bills. Trustee Ward made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Hibshman seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Trustees Hibshman, Hopkins, Kerns, Katzman, Elliot and Ward voted yes.

President Byro said he had nothing else. Trustee Elliot made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:21:12 pm