

## **Village of Creston Minutes**

### **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees Elliot, Hibshman, Hopkins, Kerns, and Ward were present. Attorney Wilt was also present. Trustee Katzman was not present.

President Byro introduced the minutes from March 4th, 2025 and asked for additions or corrections. Trustee Hibshman made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Ward seconded the motion. President Byro asked all in favor to vote yea. All present voted yea.

**Visitors & Communications** – There were no visitors or communications. President Byro said he didn't have anything else. He stated that it sounded like the library was getting ready to open. Trustee Ward said that the library was open and there was an open house scheduled that coming Saturday. Clerk Payton announced the date as Saturday 5/10/25.

Attorney Wilt stated that he had a proposal for the ordinance regulating the curb cutting that was discussed at the previous meeting. Atty Wilt said he spoke to President Byro about items in the ordinance that need to be resolved, such as cost of permits. He said that the different ordinances he looked at had items that were done differently. He proposed the length of a permit and the cost of a permit in the ordinance, and he said he would pass copies out to the Board Members after the meeting.

Casper Manheim was not present. Aaron Moore said that the library had their final inspection a couple of weeks prior. He said that there was a small punch list. The contractor reached out and they got that completed and Aaron said that he would do another inspection the following day.

Aaron said the permit for 123 W North St was set to expire in April and the last he talked to the owner, he was waiting for the state plumbing inspector to come and check the house. All the work has been completed and once the state plumbing inspector signs off, Aaron and Casper can do their final inspection and if there are no issues, that property will be done.

A temporary occupancy permit was granted at lot 101, which is the first house that Tim Hayden built on Regulators St. There was a small punch list for the inside and the owners have until 6/1/25 to finish the yard, driveway and sidewalks to make it a complete final. Aaron said that 7 new home permits had been applied for: 6 were for Tim Hayden and he had sold 2 lots to private individuals. One of the six was for one of the private owners and that house would be at the end of Regulators St on the west side. That will complete that row that Mr. Hayden has been working on.

Mr. Hayden is starting to work on the park between moving people around.

Of the 6 permits, he has two foundations being dug. Once those are finished, he will pour walls on one and then the other and he was going to have the concrete contractor do all the driveways on Regulators for the houses that are being constructed.

Kevin said that most of his items would be discussed later in the meeting, but he did want the Board to know in case anyone mentioned it that he is the acting City Engineer for DeKalb for about 2-3 months. He also addressed the water tower project. The firm hired to clean the water tower had stated twice that they would get started as soon as the weather got warmer. Kevin followed up again and they came back with a start date of August 20. Kevin replied that that was not acceptable, and their VP was supposed to call him the following day. Trustee Ward asked if a deadline of 7/1/25 was put into the contract and Kevin said that was possible. Kevin said they had been saying all along that they would start as soon as the weather got nice and they came back with the August 20<sup>th</sup> date. He said he would do everything he could to get them started earlier.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance - Trustee Hopkins had nothing.

Streets & Alleys – Trustee Ward said that sealcoat bids were to open Friday, 4/4/25 and they would begin patching later in the month, but they did not know where the Village would fall in that schedule. President Byro said that the Methodist Church had reached out and asked that the little square in front that has been patched before can be patched again. It's a low spot and the water collects there. Trustee Ward said to let Curt Loyd know about it. Mr. Loyd asked if he needed to make sure the gate valves and manhole covers were painted with fluorescent paint so that they don't seal over the top of them. Mr. Loyd said that they had sealed over some he had painted last time, and he said something and they told him they may have missed it. Trustee Elliot asked if they would be patching and sealcoating down by the park district and Trustee Ward said they would go all the way down Center to the bus barn. President Byro asked if the Village was going to get someone to fix the sidewalks by Dick Young's house. Trustee Ward said that the Board had talked about going out for bids for that and for the sealcoating. President Byro said that perhaps that could be done this Spring. Trustee Ward

said that they would know by Thursday about pricing as they had opened bids in Rochelle for sidewalks. He said concrete prices were up a little bit, but not bad.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Kerns said he would go over some information with Kevin later. President Byro said that a couple of weeks earlier when the Village lost power, there was a lightning strike on the controls for the wells. President Byro asked Mr. Loyd to explain what happened. Mr. Loyd said there were 2 control panels: one for well 3 and one for well 2. The motherboard for well 3 shows water pressure, when the wells kick on and which one and how long it ran. It's the only way for him to know if there is a leak or not. If a well runs for 6 hours instead of 3, then he knows there is a leak somewhere. He wasn't sure if a surge got the board at well 3, as the surge protector did trip, or if it got hit by lightning, but that screen is completely gone. It was installed in either 2013 or 2014 and there are no longer parts available. There is another board up in the panel that should also be replaced due to loose circuits. The motherboard at well 2 is working for now, but it would make sense to update the equipment at both wells. Bill was going to put a rush on it, but the incident happened on 3/14 and as of the date of the Board Meeting, he had not gotten back to either Mr. Loyd or President Byro. President Byro said he had already submitted a claim to the insurance company. Bill was able to go down to well 3 and reprogram it a bit so that Mr. Loyd can tell which well went on and off and approximately how long it ran. It wouldn't be accurate, but it would give him something to look at. Trustee Elliot asked if it was manual. Mr. Loyd said that they have meters that show how many gallons are pumped per day. President Byro said they were waiting for figures to submit to the insurance company.

Health & Safety - Trustee Hibshman said there is a tree that is half down by the record store. It looks like someone was trying to take it down and cut half of it at the bottom and there is a gap. He is afraid that if the kids start climbing on it and rocking on it, it might come down. It's on Mr. Julin's property and since Mr. Julin passed away, he wasn't sure how that could be handled. Clerk Payton said that Mr. Julin's daughter had been in contact with her as she was cleaning out his house. She said she would give Trustee Hibshman her contact information. Trustee Hibshman said he also wanted to bring up something that wasn't necessarily safety related. He wondered if the Village would be willing to put flags up on the Village's flag posts. Trustee Hibshman said he had been doing it for a while. He said that the lamp posts in front of Headon's and the old library building and any others in town would look good with American flags hanging off of them. Because it is Village property, the Village should provide the flags. Trustee Ward said his only request was that the flags be made in America. Everyone else agreed.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Elliot said that Zoning and Planning would be discussed later.

Subdivision - Trustee Elliot said the subdivision looked good and Tim Hayden had a lot going on up there.

**New Business** – President Byro introduced the Election and wanted Clerk Payton to read out the results. Clerk Payton stated that the results were unofficial at that point, and she read what was on the tape that the election workers taped to the door the night before when they left. The unopposed people won. There were 3 candidates running for 2 four-year Trustee positions. Curt Ward got 28.8% of the vote, Justin Hibshman got 44%, and write-in candidate Larry Harris came in at 27.2%. Clerk Payton said she did check the Ogle County website, and their numbers were different than what the tape showed, but the website clearly flagged the results as Unofficial. She said she would check again when the official results were out and then another announcement would be made. Mail in ballots and early voting would not be on the results that showed on the tape.

Tim Hayden addressed the Board. He said he made a Google spreadsheet of all the addresses in the subdivision. He said that his permits were \$1000 a piece for the first 20 and he figured for everyone's sake he would make a spreadsheet. He said that Aaron has a Gmail address, so he can send a copy to Aaron. President Byro said that would be great. Mr. Hayden said that by his count, which is unofficial, he has applied for 14 permits, so they were getting close to the next pricing tier. He thought it would be good if everyone knew what progress had been made. Mr. Hayden said they started 5 houses on Regulators St. He said that they pulled 2 more permits, and someone else pulled the last one. Those are long water services, and they have all been bored and replaced. The water service has been turned back on to that area. Mr. Hayden said that instead of going block to block, they are going a different route. All have been replaced from the farm field to Regulators. Nothing had been done east of there. There is some interest on Driscoll, so they are going to replace those. There are 2 foundations in place there and they have pulled one more permit for there. They are also going up Roberts a little bit based on interest and calling those open blocks. They know Hall Street is leak free. Mr. Hayden said that they are committed to staying through that area up there. Roberts has a spot on the original map where there is a known leak. Mr. Hayden's thought is that he will get the boring team back and do the mains on the east side. They will do the first 7, which is about what the boring company can do in a day. President Byro said that the Village isn't sure exactly where that leak is on Roberts. Mr. Hayden said that the map he has says it roughly in the middle of the street. He said that they would get through what he had outlined and then they can make that one go live and stay in that area to keep all the work confined to one spot. He said that there are 5 houses going. 3 of them have contracts, and 2 are being roughed in. He said of the next 4, at least 3 of them are pre-sold. He said that not only are they building, but they are also selling. Everything is going well for the most part.

He said that the first house on the east side they did a blacktop driveway all the way to the road. They are not going to do that anymore. He said that they are not getting very competitive pricing for doing small blacktop driveways. He said that for the first one, they are doing some concrete. He said he was expecting to do 4-inch-thick public sidewalks with 6-inch approaches. He said concrete is the oldest product and it is not something that gets denser over time. He said that every home he has ever done has been 4 inch and 6 inch and they would like to continue with that. He said that after a house is built, there is nothing heavy that would impact the sidewalks and driveway. He said that they don't put that in before anything heavy is brought in, so he didn't think thicker concrete was needed. 6 inches is a very standard commercial concrete standard. He said yes, thicker is better in some instances, but they don't want to have to trade off things. If they can stay with 4-inch and 6-inch, they can do more concrete. President Byro said that he had spoken to Aaron about it, and they agreed that 4 inches and 6 inches are fine. Trustee Hibshman asked what the current thickness is. Mr. Hayden said he was given something that said it had to be 5 inches and 7 inches. Aaron said that the ordinance for the covenant says 5 inches and 7 inches. President Byro said that that a variance could be done for 4 inches and 6 inches. Mr. Hayden said that the flip-side is that code allows blacktop in that approach and nobody wants that. He suggested building a good product at 6 inches and not go to 7 inches. Trustee Ward said that Rochelle lays 4 inches of aggregate base course, then 4 inches of concrete for the sidewalk, but through the driveway it is beefed up to 6 inches. Kevin said he was looking at 4 and 6 as well if the sidewalk next to the driveway was also 6. Trustee Ward said the only other thing Rochelle does is if there is a trench under the driveway or sidewalk, they have them throw in 5-foot sidewalks with 3 twenty-foot sticks of rebar centered over the trench to bridge it and keep the sidewalk from falling and displacing. Mr. Hayden said it goes back to what you do under the concrete may be more important. Mr. Hayden asked if the covenant spoke to the rock. Aaron said he wasn't sure. They were just looking at the thickness of the concrete, but it may be in there. Mr. Hayden asked how much rock is needed. Kevin said that 4 inches is always recommended. He said that 3-4 inches is good as it is a working platform for everything else. Trustee Ward said that if there is only 2 inches laid, the concrete contractors that are working on it are kicking dirt before long. Mr. Hayden said that they bought a broom for their skid loader. He said the only problem with it is there aren't very many cars there during working hours. He said it might be better to do it on a Saturday. He said that they are trying to get back to building out blocks.

President Byro said he thinks everyone is happy with the work that is being done in the subdivision. Mr. Hayden said that they have had local to Creston interest, local to the area interest, and a little bit of outside the area interest. They are attracting a variety of ages and not overloading the school. Trustee Ward asked about the prices. Mr. Hayden said that everything so far started with \$300,000 and so far nothing has been higher than \$315,000. Mr. Hayden said they are using vinyl siding but mixing some stone in and have a variety of colors. He said there might be some duplication but there will be different variations. Mr. Hayden said that they have been waiting for "real" weather to work on the park. He said they have talked about installing fencing for a dog park in the west park and having a Jack Kerns Community Garden as a way of breaking up the large blocks of land. He said that they were also working on a playground, and they have also done some landscaping and tree-planting out there. He said there would be a meeting that coming weekend to more than likely abolish the HOA that is there. He said there is no common area, so there is no need to collect dues or have a board. President Byro thanked Mr. Hayden for coming in and asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.

President Byro moved on to the Village's rust issues in the water. Kevin said that they hunted down the services. They are sure they found all but 2, but think they found the other 2. He shared the map he got from Bloodhound. He said they had a guy on site shooting in whatever was found. They have digital data on what was found, and they will overlay the two and provide the maps to the Board and to Mr. Loyd. The map will dictate to the Village where the services are connected, what main they are connected to, and after that composite map is completed, that will allow us to make some judgments about the rust problem. The composite map will then be overlayed with the map that shows the known rust problem areas and hopefully it will help us figure out why some houses have rust issues and others don't.

Trustee Kerns had a question for Kevin. He asked about the main that runs down South St from Kaye Ln to the west. He stated that it was a dead end and said it was not tied into the new 10". Kevin said he knew that it was not tied in at the time. Trustee Ward stated that it turned the corner on the 4". Trustee Kerns said that it turns the corner and goes to Bob Garland's house and dead ends. Trustee Kevin said that he thought that was extended for the Donnas addition. Kevin said that was before the new 10" main was put in. Trustee Kerns said that was not correct. He said he put the main in front of his house in and it turns the corner, but it now ties into the new 10". He said that it circles around, and a shut-off valve was installed in his ditch. Trustee Kerns showed Kevin what he was talking about on the map. Kevin said he was not debating what Trustee Kerns did or saw, but per the plans they did not do what Trustee Kerns described. Trustee Kerns asked how the one that runs down South St and up West St ties into the 10" main. Kevin said what they have on the plan runs along South St then down the west side and was brought across for the Donnas addition. The 10" comes up along that and does not tie in on either said. Kevin reiterated that that was per the plan. He said if they did something different during construction, he is not aware of it. Trustee Kerns deferred to Mr. Loyd. Mr. Loyd said that the valve in Mike's ditch has to be closed in order to shut the water off on Driscoll St. Kevin said there is a valve on the new main. Mr. Loyd said it was on the south end. Kevin said there was another valve in a different stretch as well. Trustee Kerns said that the valve on the north side of Creston Rd was added when they started the subdivision. Mr. Loyd said that when the leak was discovered in the subdivision, the only way he could shut the water off was to close the valve in Trustee Kerns' ditch. Trustee Kerns said it is shut off now and Mr. Loyd confirmed that. Trustee Kerns said that he doesn't believe that the main that runs down South St ties into the 10" main. Kevin said that on their plans, it comes

down South St, down the west side of whatever you want to call that street and then turns the corner to serve Donnas. Trustee Kerns said that was originally how it was. Trustee Kerns said that the new subdivision came in and tied into the Donna addition. Kevin said that it did not according to the plans. Trustee Ward said that at Driscoll St they came straight across and tied into it in front of Trustee Kerns' house. Trustee Kerns agreed and said it was because they wanted it looped. Trustee Ward said they couldn't have a dead end coming up Driscoll. Kevin said he agreed. He said that on South St going west to West St, there are 2 mains that don't tie into each other. Trustee Hopkins said that is correct. He said as much as he can remember, that 10" main went straight to the subdivision and he didn't recall any cross-tying. He said that he wasn't there when they were digging, but he doesn't remember any tie-in happening. Kevin said that what they have talked about is getting rid of the old 4" main that is there and get the residents in that area tied into the 10" main.

Kevin said that depending on which map you look at, that block has 4 different names. Trustee Kerns said it depends on which side of the street you stand on. Kevin said that the plan is to tie them in in two spots so they can get rid of that 4" main. They have to move the services over to the 10" main first. Trustee Kerns said once that is done, it is a complete loop. Trustee Ward asked Trustee Kerns if the main he put in was a 6" as that was the minimum size that could be used at that time. Trustee Kerns said yes. Trustee Hibshman asked if his house was tied into the 4" main. Trustee Kerns, Trustee Hopkins and Kevin all said yes. Trustee Hopkins said anything on South St. Trustee Hibshman asked if it was just the one house on Kaye Ln behind him that was tied to the 4". Kevin said there is a main on Kaye that all the homes on Kaye are tied into. Trustee Ward said the 6" main came down to the new subdivision and used to dead end there until the subdivision extended it. Kevin said it used to stop a certain point but now it runs all the way up and ties in. Kevin said it may have been a 4" as there were so few services, but he would have to look at the plans. Mr. Loyd said that when he opened up the main on Roberts for the new houses, he opened up each block separately to flush the hydrants and he got to the far end of Roberts. President Byro said it was Regulators, not Roberts. Mr. Loyd agreed. Mr. Loyd also said he had a lot complaints the next day. He said that the water on Ridge St, which is a 2" dead end, was almost black when it came out. Mr. Loyd said he sent Kevin a picture of the hydrant in the park, and he thinks about the time he took the photo looked a little better. President Byro said it was pretty nasty. Mr. Loyd said he didn't know exactly what all he stirred up when he flushed Regulators St. He said they had to send the water in for testing because the water had been off so long. He said he wanted to flush it and get chlorine in there before they took the samples and really stirred stuff up when he flushed that line.

Kevin said they got good GIS data for all time. Trustee Ward asked if they could get those points to Ogle County and Kevin said yes. President Byro asked what the next step was, and Kevin said he just needed to finish his mapping. He said he needed to make the composite and then overlay it with the rust problems that President Byro and Mr. Loyd told him about and see if that tells him where the problems are. The Village at least now knows where the services tie to the mains. Kevin said no one will ever be able to explain the four-plex as one unit gets rust and the other 3 do not. Trustee Ward suggested there may be a bad water heater or something. Trustee Hibshman said that the previous week the water was perfectly clear at his house and then rusty cold water blasted through for about 2 hours. Trustee Kerns asked Trustee Hopkins if he had problems. Trustee Hopkins said that he had problems last summer and since then he really hasn't had any problems. Trustee Kerns said that from Jack Kerns' house to the old Davidson house to Knudsens' and around the four-plex is where the problem is as far as he knows. He said it is possible that some people could not be reporting problems. Kevin said that is where there are holes. He said that they know where the bad spots are and just because something is not checked off doesn't mean it's not a bad spot. It just means no one has reported it. Trustee Kerns said that his sister ran the tub at Jack's house at the exact same time Trustee Kerns ran the tub at his house. The water at Jack's house looked rusty and the water at Trustee Kerns' house was crystal clear and the homes are not that far apart. Trustee Kerns said he is hooked back to the subdivision on that line. Trustee Ward said the water is probably drawing from the south. Trustee Hopkins said that theoretically if that is a 6" main, that would theoretically be less resistance for the water to come to Trustee Kerns' house. Trustee Kerns said he has never had a problem with rusty water at his house. Trustee Hopkins said that the water at his house has been dark, but it has never been as bad as it has been at Trustee Hibshman's. Trustee Kerns said he can see Trustee Hibshman's house from his house, and he wonders how Trustee Hibshman could have such bad water problems and he doesn't.

Trustee Ward asked if it had gotten better or worse since they started turning on more mains on in the subdivision. Trustee Hibshman said it is strange because his water will be clear for days and then out of nowhere, it will be bright orange. He said he runs the cold water in the tub for 3-4 hours and then it clears up. He then drains his hot water tank and just waits until it happens again.

Kevin told President Byro that to answer his question, he just had to finish his mapping and see if that tells them where some of the problems are. Trustee Ward said that as more mains come online that changes the flow of the system. Trustee Hibshman said his rust issues don't really correlate with when Mr. Loyd flushes and when he doesn't. It just happens. Trustee Hopkins said he usually notices it when Mr. Loyd flushes. Mr. Loyd asked Trustee Kerns if the water hydrant by his house was on the 6" main and Trustee Kerns said it was. Mr. Loyd said that when he flushed that hydrant it broke loose back and forth. Trustee Kerns said it is a dead end there. Mr. Loyd said that he usually opens that one at 7am and just lets it run for an hour. Mr. Loyd asked if it tied into the 10". Trustee Kerns said it ties into the 10" main and Trustee Kerns said in in the middle back to the east 150-200 feet.

Trustee Hopkins asked Kevin if he meant by getting off the 4" main and onto the 10" main would the Village then need to run a 10" down South St. Kevin said no. Trustee Ward said that it was his opinion that the main on South St needs to be tied into the 10" main. Trustee Kerns agreed. Trustee Ward said it should have been done when the 10" was put in and it would result in cleaner water out of the tower and into the system. Kevin said that there was a note in plan that said specifically NOT to do that. Kevin said there was a

reason 20 years ago, but he had no idea what it was. Kevin said that South St needs to be tied in down at the corner. He said that need to get rid of the 4" connection and tie those services into the 10" is there. Trustee Ward said that there are only 3 services on that corner we would abandon. Bob Garland's, Jack Kerns' and Kim Cochrane's services would need to be moved. President Byro urged Kevin to get the rest of this done so we can get into the project and get it figured out. Kevin said he was hoping the map would be done in the next couple of days.

Trustee Hopkins asked if there are valves that need to be replaced. He asked if there was a list so that the Village could put it out for a potentially better bid by doing more of them. Mr. Loyd said he can upgrade the list he's got. He asked if the Village would want to replace fire hydrant's as well. Trustee Kerns said the storm sewer line needs to be fixed and the rust issues. Trustee Ward said that once the project goes out for a bid and is awarded, it's probably a 6-week project. Trustee Ward said to look at doing the valve project later in the early fall. Kevin suggested doing hydrants and valves in the same package because that is the same contractor. Trustee Ward said that we need to get valves in place so that we aren't shutting down the whole town. Shutdowns and boil orders can then be issued for certain quadrants. Trustee Ward said that the valve replacement started with Jay and work was done on South St and then work just stopped. President Byro said it went by the wayside. President Byro reiterated that Kevin would work on more maps and then the project could move forward.

Trustee Elliot spoke about the variances for the Storm Sewer project. He finally got the variance request from the Farrises from Denise and her sister who lives out of state. He got the copy to send off to Kevin. The next step was to get the list of property owners and get the mailing sent out with the legal descriptions. He said that they would then schedule the special meeting of the Planning Commission and everything should be done by the next board meeting.

Kevin asked Trustee Elliot when he thought those letters would go out to the neighbors. Trustee Elliot said in the next week or so. Trustee Elliot said that he and Atty Wilt would coordinate to get it done. Kevin said they have 3 that are waiting for recordation and they are trying to decide if they should wait for the fourth to come in or just go ahead and get the three they have recorded. He said it might be a month with the next cycle of meetings, so he thought they would go ahead and have the other 3 recorded.

Trustee Ward asked when the project would be back out for bid. Kevin said within a week. He asked if the Board would possibly be able to grant the variance and award the project at the next meeting. Trustee Elliot said that is what he was hoping for.

**Old Business** – Kevin spoke about the Storm Sewer project (out of order from the agenda). Kevin said as promised he did get into BHFX for bidding and later that day he pulled it. It was his own fault. He dealt with the water crossings at both streets and forgot about the force main, which crosses on the north side of Cederholm. He said he would make the fix and get it back up on BHFX. He said it took putting it out for bids for him to remember the force main. Trustee Kerns said when the water was running down through there the other day, it was pouring through a hole. Kevin asked which hole. Trustee Kerns said it was over toward Cederholm about 150 feet or so off the road. Kevin said there are 2 holes he knows of there and one in backyards closer down to North. He said it goes underground and comes back and underground and comes back. President Byro said it has been replaced. Trustee Kerns said it had been repaired and patched a number of times. Kevin said they were giving them just over two weeks' bid time. He said they will get a contract as fast as the contractor will give it.

President Byro moved on to property condemnation. He said that they have finally settled with the new owner of 224 E Depot St. He said that the owner has signed a contract, and he should start working on it soon. He has a deadline and rules he has to follow. Trustee Ward said the owner was there over the weekend.

President Byro said that work is still being done on the Sanderson situation. Trustee Kerns asked if Atty Wilt was able to find out who the owner is. Atty Wilt said he did a title search and was able to find owner and the lienholder on the property. He said he could not remember the name of the bank. He said they have something else to file in court that names the owner, the lienholder and any unknown owners. He said that he will most likely have to end up publishing something but at this point he has a pretty good idea of who owns everything. President Byro said that this needs to be resolved as we have been dealing with it all winter. He said that there are a lot of projects coming up. Trustee Elliot asked if the storm sewer was going under the tracks and into that property. Trustee Hopkins said it does not go under the tracks at this point. Kevin said that we are starting north of the tracks.

President Byro asked if there was anything else that needed to be discussed before paying the bills. Clerk Payton brought up the fact that there is graffiti on the Lincoln Highway mural that hangs on the Fogelman building and she didn't know if anything could be done about that. President Byro said he had spoken to a couple of people about it. Skylar Sarver was going to look into it and see if he could figure out anything. Rochelle is putting up a new one and his thought was to go and talk to those people and see if they could come over and give us some ideas. Trustee Ward asked if it was the concrete sign and President Byro said it was the one on the building across the street. Trustee Elliot asked when that happened. Clerk Payton said she didn't know. President Byro said it's been that way for a while. Clerk Payton said she had crossed the street and was walking up to Headon's and she noticed it as she was walking by. President Byro said it was at the level where someone could just reach up and mess around. Chelsea Erickson explained that the sign has not been well-cared for, so it's the environment. If someone walks by and writes in the dust, the sun bakes it on there and that

leaves an image. President Byro asked if power washing would be too much. Chelsea said it is essentially damaged unless you want to replace the whole thing. Trustee Ward said that someone came and cleaned it about 5-6 years ago. It's all oxidized and chalky. Trustee Elliot said to essentially move it up a couple of feet. Chelsea said that Skylar was waiting for the sale of the building to be final before talking to the new owner about it. President Byro said it is somehow in the contract for the building that the sign has to stay there. Chelsea said it is also in the owner's discretion regarding what would go on it. Trustee Ward asked if there was a sign easement when the mural was put up. President Byro said he remembered the Grabers signing something way back when.

**Treasurer's Report** – President Byro introduced the bills. Trustee Hibshman. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Trustees Hopkins, Hibshman, Kerns, Ward and Elliot voted yea. Trustee Katzman was not present.

Trustee Ward said he had one thing to bring up about the house by the grain elevator on Woodlawn. He asked what is up with that. President Byro said it had been put in. He said Mr. Hayden paid to have it put in. Trustee Ward asked if it was hooked in over by the bank and President Byro said it would be. Mr. Loyd said that he didn't get a phone call, so he didn't know if the meter in the house had been hooked up yet. President Byro said that Pemberton would hook the service up inside the house. Mr. Loyd said he put two curb stops in. He put one on the north side of Route 38 and he put one on the south side as well. Trustee Ward asked what size service they ended up running. Mr. Loyd said it was a 1". President Byro said they made them run casings under Route 38 and Mr. Loyd said they ran casings under Woodlawn as well. Trustee Kerns said the problem is the gas lines are in the same situation as the water lines. He said he doesn't know if that's been talked about yet. Trustee Ward asked if there were one or two meters on the gas line. Mr. Loyd said it has 2 gas meters. Trustee Ward said he was talking to the owner of the elevator, and he said that if shuts the water off to his building it also shuts off the house. President Byro said that the meter has already been installed in the house.

Trustee Kerns made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Ward seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:53:34 pm.