President Byro called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Trustees Ward, Gould, Williams, Hopkins and Kerns present. Trustee Garrison was absent.

Minutes from January 5, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gould made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Trustee Ward seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all yeas.

Visitors & Communication – Visitors included: Mike Misch, Amanda Lamb (Ogle County Probation office), and Dave Brown. Ms. Lamb spoke to the board about the probation office program. President Byro informed the board about the future resignation of Trustee Garrison.

Atty. Crull had nothing to report that won’t be covered later.

Kip Countryman was not present and there was no report.

Kevin Bunge had made two contacts with the railroad about trying to get assistance from them at the crossings at Woodlawn Rd. and Transit St. State law says they are only responsible within two feet of the tracks. It is the village’s responsibility from there but need to get a permit from them to allow work to be done.

Rebecca Von Drasek was not present. There will be a planning commission meeting for a proposed duplex to be built on a coded single dwelling property. The meeting will take place on February 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the public hearing notice was distributed to the trustees and mailed to the respective area residents.

Committee Reports

Finance – Trustee Hopkins had nothing to report.

Streets & Sidewalks – Trustee Ward informed the board that there will be a process diagnostic meeting in two weeks with UP, ICC, Village of Creston, Federal Rail Administration, Kevin Bunge, himself, President Byro, etc. on what is going to be required for the railroad project, such as pedestrian gates. Total cost of the project to the village will be 5%, the railroad 5% and 90% from the federal grant. The date of the meeting is undetermined but will be found out.

Health & Safety – Trustee Kerns had nothing to report.

Water & Sewer – Trustee Garrison was not present. President Byro will meet with Clerk Haub and Trustee Williams in regards to water meter billing rates, in hopes to have something to be brought to the board for the March meeting. There are problems with some meters still yet to be addressed.

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Hopkins had nothing else to report.

Subdivision – Trustee Gould had nothing to report.

Old Business – No old business to discuss

New Business – MFT Resolution – A motion was made by Trustee Kerns to use up to $55,000 for road work to be done south of the tracks, including North St., Cederholm St., and Woodlawn Rd. A second was made by Trustee Hopkins and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas. Sale of Village Property Ordinance – Ordinance 020216 An Ordinance Vacating A Municipal Street (Prairie St., south of the railroad tracks and north of Depot St.) for the sale to Hueber LLC was introduced. A motion to accept the ordinance was made by Trustee Gould with a second from Trustee Ward. A roll call vote passed the ordinance with all yeas.

Executive Session – No session took place.

Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to pay the bills. A second for the motion was made by Trustee Gould and a roll call vote passed the motion with all yeas.

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Gould and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.