



TOWN OF PRESTON BOARD MINUTES

1/19/2022 @ 7:00 P.M. PRESTON TOWN HALL

1801 11TH AVENUE, FRIENDSHIP

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrow at 7:05 P.M.

Motion by Morrow/Gasienica to approve the agenda with the change of moving item number 7g to under item number 11, motion carried by voice vote.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Smith/Gasienica to approve the minutes from December 1, 2021 Meeting with the correction of changing the motion under Wages for Town Employees to read "Motion by Gasienica/Smith to increase town employees wages by 2.5%...", motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business

Monthly meeting dates: Morrow gave an update on the board changing it to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Wages for town employees: Morrow gave an update on the increase 2.5% for 2022.

2022 Budget: Morrow stated that the budget was approved.

Appointment of Election Observers: No discussion.

2022 Road Projects: Morrow gave an update on the budget and what projects the town would like to do for 2022. Discussion was had between board members. Public comments were addressed to Chairman Morrow. Chairman Morrow, open to the public for comments and questions on this item.

New Business

Hometown Insurance: Jesse Schable: Morrow introduced Jesse Schable, and Schable gave a presentation on an insurance quote.

Public comments were addressed to the board. Motion by Smith/Gasienica to switch to Hometown Community Insurance Agency, at the proposed cause minus the 1 vehicle, motion carried by voice vote.

Rural Mutual: Jim Wehinger:

Notice Locations: Steckelberg requested the locations to be Mo's, Kwik Trip, Ray's Closeouts and the Townhall, board agreed.

Liquor Operator License: Steckelberg read names; Erica Schlachter, Angela Nelson, Orianna Bujanowski, that have completed operators license course and received payment. Motion to Gasienica/Smith to approve operators licenses as presented by Steckelberg, motion carried by voice vote.

Annual Big Roche A Cri Lake Fishery Alcohol Permit: Motion by Gasienica/Smith to approve permit with it to read hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and beer only, motion carried voice vote.

Highway - Dan's notice of intent of retire: Morrow gave an update on Williams retirement. Thanked Dan for his service.

Hiring Town Highway Patrolman: Morrow gave a handout on job description and what starting wage should be. Morrow read what Adams County Highway Patrolman starts at. Public comments to Chairman Morrow. Discussion was had by the board. Chairman Morrow requested amendments to be given to Steckelberg by Friday, January 21st, 2022. Public comments to Chairman Morrow, discussion was had between the board. Chairman Morrow read the job description he gave to the board to the public.

These minutes have been approved.

Petition to Adams County for Culvert Aid: Chairman Morrow explained the projects; funds will be available in 2023.

2-36" culverts on Cottonville Avenue east of 8th Drive: Motion by Gasienica/Smith to approve the construction of the culvert on Cottonville Avenue 1.4 Miles east of 8th Drive, with the estimated cost of \$10K, motion carried by voice vote. Motion by Gasienica/Smith to approve to construct the culvert/bridge and has appropriated funds for their share of the cost of the same, motion carried by voice vote.

Replace bridge over Little Roche A Cri Creek with culvert: Chairman Morrow tabled topic until July 2022.

County Landfill - Steve Newcombe: Chairman Morrow gave the floor to Steve Newcombe. Newcombe is requesting a combined recycling bin. Discussion was had between the board members. Chairman Morrow will contact Adams County Solid Waste regarding this topic..

Reports

Big Roche-A-Cri Lake District: No report.

Friendship Lake District: No report.

Solid Waste: Gasienica meeting is February 1st, 2022. Gasienica will talk to Adams County Solid Waste regarding Newcombe's agenda item.

Fire District: Gasineica gave a report. In December they are looking to purchase a new Fire Engine, discussion in future meetings.

They are accepting clothing donations for those who go through a big fire loss.

Ambulance: No report.

Treasurer Report: The financial report was read by Treasurer Booth and the bills were paid.

Beginning Balance: \$79,961.87

Revenue: \$68.86

Disbursements: \$27,876.20

Ending Balance: \$48,962.91

Capital Improvement: \$198,586.76

Interest: \$23.94

Recovery Account: \$72,229.12 + \$9.10 interest = \$72,238.22

Correspondence:

Linda Caldwell - Levy Limit Petition Update: Chairman Morrow gave the floor to Caldwell for her update. Caldwell gave an update on her communication between herself and the Department of Revenue. Robert Caldwell also gave an update on this item topic.

Public comments addressed to Chairman Morrow regarding the fire district.

Patty Jungbluth Email: Morrow went through her email, all topics are on the agenda.

Public questions addressed to Chairman Morrow.

Jungbluth asked why we can't add on to the townhall regarding being covid friendly. Discussion was had between the public and Chairman Morrow regarding either adding on to the current building or adding on to the shop.

Finished discussion on the rest of her correspondence.

Public Comments: John 1138 Chicago Lane, questioned the Levy Limit and the penalty.

Public comments to Chairman Morrow, discussion was had.

Item #6c. Regarding public notice locations and putting one at the dump. Discussion was had between the public and the board members. The public will put a generic sign, "Town Board Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month" on the dump fence.

Items intended for future meetings: Steckelberg read a list of agenda items. Discussion was had between board members.

Public question to Chairman Morrow regarding the cemetery and if there are slots open to purchase.

These minutes have been approved.

Payment of Bills.

Gasienica/Smith Treasurer report on file.

Next meeting: February 16th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Preston Town hall.

Motion by Gasienica/Smith to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. motion carried by voice vote.

Megan Steckelberg

Preston Town Clerk

These minutes have been approved.