



TOWN OF PRESTON BOARD MINUTES

2/16/2022 @ 7:00 P.M. PRESTON TOWN HALL

1801 11TH AVENUE, FRIENDSHIP

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrow at 7:04 P.M.

Motion by Gasienica/Smith to approve the agenda, motion carried by voice vote.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Morrow suggested that the names be added to the operators of Kwik Trip that were approved. Motion by Gasienica/Smith to approve the minutes from January 19, 2022 meeting with the change of names of the operators licenses, motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comments: Caldwell would like to make a motion of privilege with an explanation. Caldwell requests the board to speak up during the meetings.

Old Business

Insurance Bids: Morrow gave an explanation of this topic. Booth explained we will be staying with Rural Mutual until 2023 for Workers Compensation Insurance. Topic tabled until November.

Notice Locations: Morrow explained the new locations, and Kamenski showed a sign he had made for the town dump location.

Transfer Site/County Landfill: Gasienica reported on the topic from the last meeting on switching containers, discussion was had between the public and the board. Gasienica will talk to the Solid Waste Director about switching the recycling container.

New Business

LRIP Project Substitution: Morrow gave a brief verbal report.

ACEC work in right-of-way permit: Morrow explained the project to the public. Motion by Smith/Morrow to approve the ACEC work in right-of-way permit, Gasienica abstained. Motion carried by voice vote.

Frontier Communications Proposed Work: Morrow explained the project to the public, Steckelberg pulled up the documents submitted, board reviewed printed documents. Motion by Smith/Gasienica to approve the permit, motion carried by voice vote.

Highway Patrolman Job Applications, set interview times: Discussion between board members. Discussion between the board and public regarding the job opening. Board members will do a special Town Board meeting regarding job applications on February 22nd at 5:00 p.m.. Board and public discussion on tool inventory.

Resignation of Town Clerk: Steckelberg resigned, last day is Saturday, February 19th, 2022.

Appoint New Town Clerk: Morrow suggested Randy Howard as the new clerk. Public discussion with the board was had regarding the new appointment. Public discussion on Scott Krug letter received, with the board members. Public comments on tax levy increase error. Public discussion with the board members regarding how elections will run. Motion by Smith/Gasienica to appoint Randy Howard as the new town clerk to complete the term open by the resignation of previous Clerk; Scott Sorenson and Megan Steckelberg. Public discussion with the board was had, Howard introduced himself and allowed the public to ask questions of him. Motion carried by voice vote.

Plan Committee Openings: Morrow explained what the Planning Committee duties are to the public. Patty Jungbluth, Linda Caldwell, David Bentley are interested in joining the committee. Morrow appointed Patty, Linda, and David to be on the committee.

Election Worker Openings and Training: Morrow and Steckelberg explained the new process to the public. Public comments were had. Morrow requested to have Appoint Election Workers on the March agenda.

Recovery Tabletop Exercise - Feb. 28 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (1) town board member encouraged to attend - Contact Jane Gervais: Gasienica will attend this exercise.

Reports

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

Friendship Lake District: No report.

Solid Waste: Gasienica gave a verbal report.

Fire District: Gasienica gave a verbal report.

Ambulance: Gasienica brought a paper report for the public to view.

Motion by Morrow/Smith to amend the agenda to put the Treasurer Report and Paying of the bills at the end of the meeting, motion carried by voice vote.

Correspondence:

Patty Jungbluth email

Town Audit: Board members explained when the last audit was to the public and how many years it was for. Audit is no longer needed since the Clerk and Treasurer are two separate jobs. Public questions and comments regarding town finances to the board members.

Inventory of Town Equipment and Tools Committee: Jungbluth asked if there is a list of the town tools and equipment. Public discussion was had with the board.

Research of Town Board Weight Limits Committee: Jungbluth asked about farm equipment being on the road and if we can charge. Morrow explained that our roads can handle farm traffic. Public discussion was had with the board.

Linda Caldwell email

Town Purchase of Fuel: Caldwell had a few questions regarding where we get fuel and if there's a discount. Booth explained yes, Kwik Trip in our township is our contractor for fuel costs.

These minutes have not been approved.

Town Shop Addition: Caldwell asked if an addition or new building is in the future. Public discussion was had with the board.

Items intended for future meetings: Steckelberg read a list of agenda items; Appoint Election Workers, WTA Membership Invoice, Zoning Request, Hiring of Town Highway Worker. Discussion was had between board members.

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

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

Beginning Balance: \$48,962.91

Revenue: \$58,654.88

Disbursements: \$47,065.97

Ending Balance: \$57,362.39

Capital Improvement: \$198,586.76

Interest: \$0

Recovery Account: \$72,238.22

Payment of Bills.

Smith/Gasienica Treasurer report on file, motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Smith/Gasienica to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. motion carried by voice vote.

Megan Steckelberg

Preston Town Clerk

These minutes have been approved March 16, 2022.