

**Town of Preston
105 Back Landing Road
Budget Workshop 6:30pm- Regular Meeting 7pm.
May 3, 2021**

Attendees: Doug Vanderveer, Robert Stacey , Nelson Anderson, Savannah Winston, Gary Waltemeyer, Amber Korell, Dale Whitley

Public Attendance: Town Attorney Walt Palmer, Lt. Baker, Russ Dukes-PVFC, Nancy Seamans, Kathleen Barry, Stacey Pindell, Leslie Grunden, Senator Addie Eckart

The regular meeting was called to order by Commissioner Doug VanDerveer at 7:00 p.m.

*** Senator Addie Eckard presented The Town of Preston, Leslie Grunden and Stacey Pindell with Citations from the State of Maryland in recognition of your service to all municipalities by expanding the Bay Restoration Fund through the request of legislation in the 2017 Legislative Session. Thank you for your dedication to our community, District and State.
CONGRATULATIONS!

-Comm. VanDerveer swore in Gary Waltemeyer as our new elected Commissioner!! Election was held 4-26-2021 Gary Waltemeyer 20 Ben Steinmiller 12, after this term Comm. Waltemeyer will have served 17 years straight and will be the first to have served that long in Preston! Congrats!

-Comm. Stacey made a motion to appoint Douglas VanDerveer as President of the Commission; Comm. Winston seconded the motion. All approved.

-Comm. VanDerveer made a motion to appoint Gary Waltemeyer as Vice President of the Commission; Comm. Stacey seconded the motion. All approved.

Comm. Waltemeyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and was seconded by Comm. Stacey and unanimously approved.

Police Report: for April. 2021

125 hours assigned with a total of 25 assignments

- 186 Calls for service
- 4 Reports taken
- 62 Traffic Stops
- 86 Traffic Violations
- 1 Arrest

Public Works Report -Dale Whitley

-pumped 1,512,200 gallons of water
-discharged 7,010,619 gallons of wastewater
-moved all the boxes of operating manuals to the old police department at the end of our complex.

-removed a leaking air lift from our denitrifying filter and replaced a gasket. This solved a problem with air leaking and now the sand filters seem to be working properly.

-scraped and graded railroad ave after every rain to keep it in good condition.

-switched from feeding hydrated lime to control ph. to using caustic soda. The feed reservoir was too small to hold enough lime to last throughout the night. We are now using 30-gallon barrels that last 3 days and not just a few hours.

-removed both process pumps when they became clogged with debris from us cleaning other chambers in the plant. From now on we will clean our tanks differently.

-continue to add fill dirt to an area in front of our entrance to the plant so our delivery trucks can safely enter.

-installed a mechanical plug in the meter vault so we can have the external plug removed as soon as possible.

-removed the gate switch from the outside of the screen room and moved it inside for better security. (Anyone could walk around the fence and open the gate at any time).

-cleaned the clarifier troughs when sludge started to build up in them.

-rerouted a purge line that had become kinked on the air dryer.

-painted the inside of the park bathroom.

-poured a sidewalk slab on Main St. that needed replacing.

-removed a tree that fell on the fence at the retention pond by the post office.

-cut grass and sprayed weeds.

Administrative Report – Amber Korell

- Responded to phone/email & visitor inquiries
- Sent out code violation letters for David George
- Worked with GMB, AECOM, and Lawyers regarding WWTP
- Attended the WWTP progress meeting #28
- Received confirmation from MDE on our Water Tower Renovations Permit, once they review, they will be in touch with questions if any.
- Approved and Issued building permits with MDIA
- Approved and Issued Business Licenses
- Processed quarterly federal and state reports
- Worked on budget figures for FY21-22
- Sandy continues to work on updating our Website with all our new documents and policies and removing old information that is no longer valid
- Our Community Parks and Playground sign has been installed with our main park sign. Final park project pictures have been taken and submitted; we are waiting on the final reimb. in grant money.
- PRESTON Outdoor Movie Night hosted by CC YMCA held Saturday April 17, 2021, was a success and very well attended. We had Pete's PetZAs food vendor as out concession that evening.
- Worked with Angel @ the CC YMCA, and Dave Batson with the Lions Club to get Miss Larrimore @ 122 Williamson a ADA approved handicap ramp built at her home.
- Preston will be hosting a Pop up Vendors Market the THIRD SATURDAY of the month here at James T Wright Park from 10-2, vendor fees will go to the YMCA to continue to offer free community programs/events for the children.
- Preston Lions Club Carnival May 31- June 5th
- June 5th CRHS NCHS Graduation Caravan Parade- line up at Town Hall 10:30am

Planning and Zoning – No Report

WWTP APRIL 2021 , Update:

- Punchlist work done excluding some final site restoration and removal of bypass pumping system
- JCC requests liability release before they will remove bypass pumping system
- GMB issued final completion determination effective 4/5/21
- Recent AFP#28 covers release of all retainage, only work remaining on SOV is contingent bid items and site ESC work.

Ordinances/Resolutions:

2021-O-2 Uncontested Elections

AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CHARTER, INCREASING CANCELLATION OF ELECTIONS WHERE THERE IS ONE CANDIDATE OR NO CANDIDATES

1st Reading- Comm. Winston 4-26-2021

2nd Reading- Comm. Nelson 5-3-2021

New Business:

-A motion was made by Comm. Nelson to accept the bills as presented for **April 2021**. Comm. Winston seconded the motion, all approved.

-Comm. Winston made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2021-O-2 Uncontested Elections** AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CHARTER, INCREASING CANCELLATION OF ELECTIONS WHERE THERE IS ONE CANDIDATE OR NO CANDIDATES; Comm. Nelson seconded the motion, all approved.

-Comm. Nelson made a motion to adopt the Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation; Comm. Waltermeyer seconded the motion. All approved.

-Comm. Winston made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2021-R-1 Sustainable Community; Comm. Nelson seconded the motion. All approved.

-A motion was made by Comm. Nelson to approve JCC Pay Request #27 (March 2021) in the amount of \$43833.52; withholding LD's (\$15,500.00) and a Total Payment of \$28,333.52; Comm. Winston seconded the motion, all approved.

-Comm. VanDerveer stated that the lease is almost up at our property 172 Main Street, it is the council's decision to continue renting it on a month to month lease being it is on the market.

-Comm. Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 7:35 pm, Comm. Winston seconded the motion. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Amber Korell