

**Regular Meeting  
Town of Preston  
August 3, 2009**

The regular meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ellery Adams at 7:00 p.m. Also present was Commissioner Robert Stacey, Commissioner Bill Willis, and Mimi Willis.

Attendance: Kathleen Barry, Harold Moxley, Wendy Adams, Gary Waltemeyer, Abby Schmidt of the Times Record, and Attorney Walter Palmer.

There being no corrections to the previous meeting minutes, Ellery said the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

**Public Works Report:** Ellery asked Commissioner Robert Stacey to give the Public Works report submitted by Dale Whitley, who said he:

- cut grass
- finished installing the sewer line on Division St. for the new house.
- dug up and removed shrubs at the park
- July 6<sup>th</sup>, picked up all the flags on Main St. and on July 10<sup>th</sup> took down all the flags on the poles on Main St.
- installed a new meter pit and meter at 129 Sunset Blvd,
- trimmed trees at Tidewater and marked off the forestation area for a homeowner on Hughlett St.
- formed and poured a new concrete catch basin at the park and installed a new grate.
- rebuilt the chlorine pump at the water plant and installed a new injector in the system
- sent off a vacuum regulator from the sewer plant for repair
- sprayed the lagoon for weeds
- continued to work on the pumping station at the west end of town

**Police Dept. Report:** Chief Trise did not submit a report because he was on vacation

**Town Manager's Report:**

- made arrangements to have a tree moved from 136 Main St. to the Park for \$350.-\$450. the end of Sept.
- met with Tim Fluharty to discuss wind and solar power for new building and lagoon.
- mailed out quarterly water bills, news letter and Parks and Rec's information
- met with Town auditors and ASG to start audit on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Have not received bids for cost of audit yet.
- reported damaged signs to LGIT. There is a deductible for each incident
- ran ad for 3 days looking for volunteers for Parks and Rec. Received 1 response and Ellery said he got 2 responses
- got additional portapotty for park event
- sent out 7 clean up letters for Mr. Malkus
- working on grant for park bathroom. Deadline is August 24, 2009
- researched minutes for offer of additional \$100.00 donation for PVFC. It was not in the minutes. We currently donate \$6,500., which is to be continued per Commissioners
- prepared Consumer Confidence Report regarding the water quality
- calculated new capacity fees for single family dwelling. They will be \$3,859. each for water and sewer
- prepared 2 letters for new Eagle Scouts
- entered bills for payment
- entered real estate taxes for 2009-10
- did research on 3 old building permits; one for the Town. Called architect but did not hear from him. Also for Preston School and 147 Main St.
- worked with Mr. Malkus and Police Dept. to get 118 Maple Ave. cleaned up
- checked all past due accounts payable and sent out statements
- prepared for Congressman Kratovil's visit to Preston
- recreated income survey from Cambridge and sent to residents of Preston
- prepared corporate tax bills

- met with M.D.E. regarding lagoon inspection.

Commissioner Stacey asked that Dale check to see if soil is o.k. where tree is to be planted at Park.

**Unfinished Business:** Ellery read the last reading of the Ordinance amendment to Section 4.5.5.C.1 of the Town Code deleting the words “and maintenance” in the first line of that paragraph, and adding the following sentence at the end of that paragraph: “The costs of maintenance of the building drains and building sewers from the public sewer (main) to the point(s) of use shall be borne by the property owner.” Commissioner Willis made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Amendment, unanimously approved.

- the total spent on the new Town building as of today is \$78,730.99.
- Ellery suggested the Lions Club contact the contractor the Town used to get an estimate to have their private street coated with the mill blacktop the Town used.

**New Business:**

- There was a discussion during the work session regarding lowering the speed limit to 15 mph on Railroad Ave. along with some signage at the building. Commissioner Willis made a motion to erect caution/hazard signs and lower the speed limit to 15 mph, seconded by Commissioner Stacey and unanimously carried.
- Ellery gave a report on the new building: underground drains from the roof have been installed; shutters will be installed soon; electrical work is in progress; fire walls above ceiling are in progress; parking lot has been graded and subsurface has been installed; shrubbery has been planted. So far the Town has saved over \$100,000.
- He said the cost of replacing a lateral was around \$1,000. each and some research will have to be done regarding a grant.
- A quote was received from Largent for drywall at \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Bill Willis to pay the July bills, including Largent, seconded by Robert Stacey and unanimously approved.
- Ellery stated for the record that his son, Daniel Andrews, is a hired laborer for the new building.
- Ellery said we had help with gardening last month by Elise Bryant at Tidewater. He said we may need help next year 1 to 2 days a week, either volunteer or paid
- Mimi advised that Chesapeake Publishing is raising their rates for legal ads by 2.5%.

Mr. Moxley said speeders go through Tidewater even though the speed limit is 15 mph. Ellery suggested he find 2 or 3 people to allow the police dept. to park on their property.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Johnson