

**Regular Meeting  
Town of Preston  
April 3, 2017**

The regular meeting was called to order by Commissioner Doug VanDerveer at 7:35 p.m. Also present were Commissioners, Gary Waltemeyer, Nelson Anderson and Kathleen Barry, Bob Stacey and Town Manager Stacey Pindell. Attendance: Dale Whitley, Walter Palmer; Phillip Broussard, Robert Lorenz, Bill Willis, Stephanie Dalton, David Dalton, Steven Hildenbrand, Russell Dukes, PVFC, Ed Jones, Dawn Baker, Maria Moxley, Ellery Adams, Donald Baker, CCSD, Ed Jones.

President Doug administered the Oath of Office for Stephanie Dalton to serve on the Election Board.

Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, seconded by Kathleen and unanimously approved.

**Police Report:** The monthly Police Report was presented by Donald Baker.

- 135 hours assigned with a total of 20 assignments
- 100 calls for service
- 2 reports taken
- 45 traffic stops
- 72 total traffic violations – citations and warnings – 20 – 52 – SEROS 0 – must appear 1

**Public Works Report read by Dale Whitley.**

- We pumped 1,529,400 gallons of water
- We discharged 3,039,692 gallons of wastewater
- We removed two bushes at the park that had gotten unruly and seeded the area then covered with straw. We also cleared the edges of the parking lot at the pavilion of weeds and grass and straightened the parking bumpers.
- We located the property markers at the town well field on Chambers St. We removed two dead trees and cleared some brush and other debris to establish our boundaries. We will probably have to have a large Sassafras tree removed because it has died and is now a hazard to the neighbors.
- We removed two trees in tidewater that were in the right of way.
- We prepared for a storm by clearing the ditches of leaves and installing the snow plow and filling the dump truck with CR6. Luckily the storm never materialized to expectations and it was just a rain event.
- We scraped and graded the driveway to the sewer plant. While doing so the seal on one of the hydraulic cylinders failed and started leaking fluid badly.
- We removed it and took it to P and M on Linchester Rd for repair.
- We packed up the remaining things that were left behind at 172 Main St. and moved them. We then painted the inside.
- We also read all the meters in town.

**Administrative Report:**

- Prepared and mailed water bills
- Worked with contractors, residents and building inspectors regarding building permit applications
- Responded to phone/visitor inquiries to include researching answers to their concerns/questions
- Met with AECOM & MDE official regarding design
- Sent out violation notices for David George
- Emailed election ad to be placed in the paper
- Processed:
  - water/sewer payments
  - real estate taxes
  - accounts receivables
  - accounts payables
  - building permits
  - daily mail
  - deposits
  - payroll
  - bank statements
- Corresponded with the following:
  - David George referencing resident code violations
  - AECOM & MDE official regarding design
  - Various title companies, attorney's and real estate agents for monies owed to the Town
  - Ed Jones regarding Water/sewer Rate Study
  - Various towns regarding justification on out of town user fees
  - webmaster regarding website updates
  - C.C. Tax office regarding monies owed to town on properties going to settlement

**Planning & Zoning Report:** No summary to report.

Ed Jones, MCET, was present to review proposed water/sewer rates.

**Resolutions: 04-032017 Water Sewer Rates.** Doug read the resolution to adopt an Amendment to the Town's water and sewer rates.

**Resolution 04-0320171 – Front Footage Rate - Resolution tabled.**

**New Business:**

Bills for Approval – A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Nelson, and a unanimous vote to accept the bills as presented.

Taxpayer Abatement for Veterans Exemption – Current/3 years back. On a motion of Kathleen, second of Nelson, and a unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Taxpayer abatement as requested.

Adjournment. On a motion of Gary second of Bob, and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Steffy

On March 27, 2017, at 9:15 p.m., Commissioners Doug VanDerveer, Nelson Anderson, Kathleen Barry and Gary Waltemeyer, and Robert Stacey voted to hold a Special Meeting to consider a motion to go into an executive or closed meeting, under OMA Article 10-508(a)(1) to discuss personnel matters. A closed meeting was held March 27, 2017 at the Preston Town Hall, from p.m. to p.m. Commissioners Doug VanDerveer, Nelson Anderson, Gary Waltemeyer, Kathleen Barry and Robert Stacey and Town Manager Stacey Pindell were present. A decision was made regarding salaries for the upcoming budget year. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.