

**Town of Preston  
105 Back Landing Road  
Regular Meeting 7pm.  
October 5, 2021**

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

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

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

**Police Report for September 2021**

135 hours assigned with a total of 24 assignments

- 183 Calls for service
- 6 Reports taken
- 75 Traffic Stops
- 112 Traffic Violations
- 1 Arrest

**Public Works Report -Dale Whitley**

-pumped 1,913,600 gallons of water

-discharged 1,685,514 gallons of wastewater

-had to repair both mowers last month. One needed a gearbox for the mower deck and the other need a belt and pulley. Both are working again and will be serviced this winter.

-repaired the light at the welcome sign when it was damaged.

-dug up a curb stop on Main St. so the homeowner could have their water shut off for repairs.

-repaired a water leak on Car-O-Lin Ct.

-located the entire length of Chambers St. for an upcoming sidewalk replacement project.

-scraped and graded Railroad Ave.

-cleaned the decanters at the sewer plant.

-patched a hole on Main St.

-had a problem with our air compressor at the sewer plant last month. We were down to one air pump on the dual stage compressor that was supplied by the contractor at the sewer plant. I came in on Labor Day and found the pulley that turns the pump had broken off the shaft and knocked out the belt guard and damaged the aftercooler.

-rented an air compressor from a local rental store when we found that there is an 8-12 week wait time for parts to repair our compressor, even though it is still under

warranty. This was a temporary solution because rental rates were very expensive. Even a weekly rate was high because rental companies consider 40 hrs. a week and not 7 days.

-went to Richmond and bought a whole new air compressor just to get the pump off of it to repair ours. Hopefully this holds out until we get our compressor back in normal operation.

- cut grass and sprayed weeds

-read all the meters in town.

### SAMPLE RESULTS FOR PRESTON WWTP

On September 8<sup>th</sup> our total Nitrogen was 0.97 mg/l, ammonia was not detected.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> our total Nitrogen was 0.98 mg/l, ammonia was 0.08 mg/l

Previous month,

On July 7<sup>th</sup> our Nitrogen was 13.9 mg/l

On July 21<sup>st</sup> our Nitrogen was 11.8 mg/l

The ENR permit that goes into effect October 1, 2021 requires our nitrogen levels are below 3.0 mg/l. These are very encouraging results for Preston!! We did it!

### **Administrative Report – Amber Korell**

- Worked with GMB, AECOM, MDE, PROSTART, OCC, BDK and Mr. Goldberg on our WWTP
- The Town and our Codes Officer inspected properties and sent out violation notices.
- David A. Bramble has completed our road patch repairs
- Met with multiple cleaning companies about the Town Complex Cleaning Job- waiting on a detailed list to be submitted from two more companies before we bring it back to the council.
- Sent out 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Water-Sewer bills, this billing quarter is the first bill with the new FY21-22 increase. A survey included, that we encourage our residents to fill out and return as we are working on our Comp. Plan 10 Year review. This is your time to tell us what you like, what you don't like, what you wish to see and what you would never want to see in your Town.
- Planning and Zoning are meeting monthly working on the Comp. Plan. Caroline County GIS and Data coordinator has been reached out to for assistance in creating new and updated maps for our plan.
- T-Mobile has had some personnel changeover, but we are still working together. They have our building permit application to fill out and return.
- Attended two of the nine mandatory annual MD State Retirement Webinars for Retirement Coordinator.
- Attended two ARPA funds webinars and completed a survey explaining what we plan to do with our funds.
- Image Asphalt is scheduled to be in Town on site the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>
- Preston's last Vendors Market is October 16<sup>th</sup>. FREE, FOOD, HALLOWEEN FUN

## **Planning and Zoning – RoseMarie Stacey**

**Date:** September 14, 2021

**Present:** Rosemarie Stacey, Steve Hildenbrand

- 1. Comprehensive Plan:** P&Z met on September 14th and discussed the current updates to the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. Amber posted the Comprehensive survey questions on the What's Up Preston? Facebook page and we received many comments. Amber downloaded the comments and Planning & Zoning reviewed. The survey will be included in the September water bills and we will review all the comments together and decide how to incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan.
- 2. 162 Main Street:** On May 14, 2021, P&Z met with Mr. Callahan regarding 162 Main Street. Mr. Callahan was going to submit plans to rebuild his house on the empty lot where his house burned down. Amber has spoken with Mr. Callahan more recently and he was submitting his plans to a builder. In the meantime, Mr. Callahan has been living in a camping trailer. P&Z reviewed ordinances. While P&Z considers this a temporary building or structure, as described under ***P&Z Section 20.03 – Accessory Uses and Structures***, until he can have a permanent home built, there is a P&Z consideration under ***Appendix B Ordinance 32911 Section 2C – Any structure with assembly of steel undercarriage and wheel combination shall not be an acceptable residential living unit, whether such combination remains or not.*** Neither citation in P&Z regulations mentions time frame. P&Z will work with Amber to check on the status of 162 Main Street building Plans and review other county Planning & Zoning regulations regarding this issue.
- 3. Next Meeting October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

### **New Business**

- Comm. Waltemeyer made a motion to approve the bills for September 2021; Comm. Winston seconded the motion. All approved.
  - Comm. Anderson made a motion to approve the GMB Amendment #8 in the amount of \$10,000.; Comm. Stacey seconded the motion. All approved.
  - Comm. Anderson made a motion to approve ORDINANCE 2021-O-3: Adopting 2021 IBC, IRC, IPMC, ISPSC; Comm. Stacey seconded the motion. All approved.
  - Comm. Winston made a motion to approve ORDINANCE 2021-O-4: Residential Rental License; Comm. Waltemeyer seconded the motion. All approved.
- Comm. Waltemeyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm; Comm. Winston seconded the motion, all approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Amber Korell