

**Town of Preston
105 Back Landing Road
Regular Meeting 7pm.
February 1, 2021**

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

Public Attendance: Town Attorney Walt Palmer, Lt. Nepert

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

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

Police Report: for January 2021

130 hours assigned with a total of 26 assignments

- 104 Calls for service
- 5 Reports taken
- 55 Traffic Stops
- 78 Traffic Violations
- 3 Arrest

Public Works Report -Dale Whitley

-pumped 1,412,800 gallons of water

-discharged 10,205,188 gallons of wastewater

-took down the Christmas decorations on Main St. and unhooked the lights on the Christmas tree at the School.

-cleaned the sewer line between 100 Williamson St and 106 Williamson St. to address a sewer complaint

-serviced the town truck.

-came in to check a high wet well alarm at the tidewater pumping station. We found a float was bad and we changed it. We still could not get the station to operate properly. We called Lywood electric and they came and found a bad alternating relay and they bypassed it until one can be installed.

-Most of the month was spent working at the sewer plant.

-helped with the WiFi hookup, we inventoried spare parts, we have spent several days trying to get the sand filters to work, we have been working on the lime feed system and it still doesn't work, The representative has ordered a new one and will install it when it arrives.

Administrative Report – Amber Korell

- Responded to phone/email & visitor inquiries
- Sent out code violation letters for David George
- Worked with PW and BDK on the wireless bridge to the WWTP
- Worked with GMB, AECOM, and Lawyers regarding WWTP
- Pay Request #23 was submitted to MDE for reimb.

- Attended the WWTP progress meeting #25
- Approved and Issued building permits with MDIA
- Approved and Issued Business Licenses- Two NEW businesses this month PRESTON PERFORMANCE and NO LIMIT NUTRITION
- Worked on State Police Aid Grant- GOCCP
- Issued w-9's, and w-2's for the 2020 Calendar Year
- Sandy is working on getting quotes on 172 Main Street's boiler that was written up with 3 violations with DLLR.
- Researched Employee Time Accrual Compensation
- Work has been completed at the Mediation Garden and it looks great!!! With the remaining park grant money we are going to look into getting the playground re-mulched.
- Corresponded with GMB for our I&I application
- Met with MDOT, Harry Romano, and our PW crew to discuss our clearinghouse comments about the potential sale of the Railroad
- Town Hall has been working continuously with TGM Group to finish out our 2020 audit should be final this week. We have a deadline extension for 2-28-2021.

Planning and Zoning – No Report

WWTP February 1 , Update:

- JCC has completed the installation of the fence around the new improvements at the WWTP
- GMB has granted JCC substantial completion, as of December 21st, 2020, based on documented corrections to outstanding items within the SCADA system.
- GMB, AECOM, JCC, and the Town performed the punch list inspection at the facility of January 20th. The punch list was then compiled and distributed to JCC on January 25th for JCC to coordinate and complete the noted outstanding items.
- Influent Flows to the facility are still quite high and flow is still being bypassed into the existing lagoon using JCC's diesel bypass pump. As Change Order 6 was approved, JCC has ordered the Town's own Diesel bypass pump, which will be on site today (January 29th) JCC will come on site next week and help the Town set up their new pump to bypass the excess influent flow. It should be noted that the rental of JCC's pump expires on February 4th, and continuing using their diesel pump past that date will be at additional rental cost. It should be noted that the Town will still have access to the electric temporary bypass pumps for the time being.
- The facility is currently going through acclimation as the plant is still receiving raw wastewater from the Town. Acclimation has been slow , but is showing signs of improving as the color of the water in the process has been improving recently.
- There have been some operational issues with the Denitrification Filter which are being worked through with the system vendor and the contractor, and we are hopeful that those will be remedied soon.
- JCC has not yet submitted a draft payment application #25. Once one is received, GMB will review the payment application and distribute to the Town as appropriate.

Ordinances/Resolutions: None

New Business:

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

-Pay Request # 24 (DEC. 1-31, 2020) from Johnston Construction for \$45,886.37

Comm. Nelson made a motion to acknowledge the payment request but will be withholding \$25,500.00 from payment due to liquidated damages (PAYMENT AMOUNT \$20,386.57); Comm. Winston seconded the motion. All agreed

-Comm. Nelson made a motion to approve JCC CHANGE ORDER #5 in the amount of \$42,237.30 and JCC CHANGE ORDER #6 in the amount of \$71,497.53; Comm. Winston seconded the motion. All approved.

-Comm. Nelson made a motion to approve the Preston WWTP-Substantial Completion Cert. Date of 12-21-2020; Comm. Winston seconded the motion. All approved.

-Comm. Waltemeyer made a motion to approve the I&I Improvements Application created by GMB; Comm. Stacey seconded the motion. All approved.

Comm. Nelson made a motion for adjournment at 7:25 pm, Comm. Waltemeyer seconded the motion. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Amber Korell