

**Town of Preston
105 Back Landing Road
Regular Meeting 7pm.
Jan. 9, 2023**

Attendees: Nelson Anderson, Douglas VanDerveer, Robert Stacey, Gary Waltemeyer

The regular meeting was called to order by Commissioner 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 December 2022

120 hours assigned with a total of 23 assignments

- 221 Calls for service
- 0 Reports taken
- 51 Traffic Stops
- 68 Traffic Violations
- 1 Arrest

Public Works Report – Dale Whitley

- pumped 1,449,200 gallons of water
- discharged 1,309,140 gallons of wastewater
- installed a meter pit and curb stop at the property line at 240 Main St. We also removed the old meter and pit from the backyard.
- scraped and graded railroad Ave. four times in December. After every storm that came through town.
- took our tump to the shop after repairing a water leak and it gave us trouble starting.
- installed Christmas decorations on Main St. and in the park.
- removed Christmas decorations from the park and welcome signs. We will take down the ones on Main St. when the truck becomes available.
- replaced a sign post that was hit on Mill St.
- flexed all the aeration boxes at the sewer plant 3 times in December.
- cleared the drainage pipes on Sunset Blvd. when they became clogged with leaves.
- installed bollards around a meter at Sisk and Son warehouse to protect it from damage. We also painted them yellow.
- lost the display on the influent flow meter and had to get HIE to get it going again.
- installed a pump at the Tidewater pump station when it was returned from the repair shop
- pumped down and cleaned the reject pump station at the sewer plant.
- also read all the meters in town

Administrative Report – Amber Korell

- **WWTP:**
 - Sewer Evaluation Project: The CCTV bid was awarded to REYBOLD CONSTRUCTION in the amount of \$74,085.00.
 - MDE has approved funding the additional A/E Amendments in the amount of \$85,413.00
 - The PW crew has been prepping for the sampling required for BIOWORKS over the next few months

- Attended a conference call with AECOM, Bioworks, GMB and Prostart on 12-15-22 discuss the issues at the WWTP and best way to move forward
- **Town Hall:**
 - Code Clerk inspected properties and sent out violation notices
 - Business License renewals have been sent out for the 2023 year, renewal fee of \$15 per year.
 - Worked with ASG and UHY in preparation for our FY22 Audit; We have a filing extension until 1-31-2023.
 - T-Mobile: The welding install was complete mid October, and we are waiting for an antenna install schedule
 - TM attended the Certified Public Manager luncheon webinar for December
- **Planning and Zoning**
 - Reviewed and Issued Building Permits
 - Board members continue to work on the Comprehensive Plan update
 - We had our board of appeals meeting on December 20, 2022 at 6pm, board members unanimously voted to approve the setback as requested.
- **Parks and Recreation**
 - Received our swinging benches for the park; PW will be installing as soon as weather permits and Amber will order the park sign as described in the CPP grant
 - Worked with Shore Rivers- Now that the design phase is finished; we are to meet and discuss applying again this year for grant funds through Chesapeake Bay Trust to implement our concept plan
 - CHRISTMASDAZE was held on 12-3-2022, The Cayer Band performed, the Bethesda Church did popcorn and hot cocoa, The Lutheran Church donated cookies and many of our Town residents and friends came out to enjoy the no sew snow man craft and entertainment as well as the Christmas lights around Town Hall.
 - Mikes Liquors Mural:
 - Met with Nick (CCCA) and business owner on 12-6-2022 on site to take pictures and discuss the project.
 - The County Planning Grant that was submitted to MSAC was approved and the Town has until 1-30 or sooner to get in their mini grant for the \$2,500 in funds available to our Town.
 - We will be discussing design and artist advertisement at the next workshop meeting on 1-23-2023

Planning and Zoning – No report

New Business

-Comm. Anderson made a motion to approve the bills for DEC. 2022; Comm. Waltemeyer seconded the motion. All approved.

-Comm. Waltemeyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm; Comm. Anderson seconded the motion. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Amber Korell