

**Town of Preston  
105 Back Landing Road  
Regular Meeting 7pm.  
June 5, 2023**

**Attendees:** Douglas VanDerveer, Gary Waltemeyer, Savannah Winston, Rich Petroske, Steve Hildenbrand

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

Janice Isenberg was sworn in as Planning and Zoning Board Member

Brian Gross was awarded and congratulated on his LCAA Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00

Comm. Waltemeyer made a motion to remove the CCCA created Caroline Pride Mural from the Town Park; Comm. Hildenbrand seconded, Commissioners VanDerveer, Petroske and Winston voted to keep the wall. Three to two, the mural wall stays at the park as planned until June 30.

Proclamation was read by Rebecca Hutson with the Caroline County Pride Organization, after some discussion between commissioners and residents in the audience about inclusion in our community.

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

**Police Report for May 2023- Lt. Nepert**

125 hours assigned with a total of 26 assignments

- 255 Calls for service
- 3 Reports taken
- 74 Traffic Stops
- 103 Traffic Violations
- 0 Arrest

**Public Works Report – Dale Whitley**

We pumped 2,060,700 gallons of water

We cleaned the Fooks Ave pumping station. This included the pumps and check valves.

We replaced a corp valve at the water plant when it started leaking chlorine. The chemical feed is back in service.

We got well samples for Enviro-corp to test for nitrates in our wells. They also took a sample from our water tower to test for nitrates in that water as well.

We have been installing new meters to replace ones that weren't working and to continue to get the rest of our meters to be touch read.

We continued working with the sewer video crew as they finished up with their project.

We dismantled and repaired a fire hydrant that was hit in Tidewater.

We installed 5 pads on the exercise equipment in the park. We didn't get new ones, but instead had the old ones re-upholstered. This was way cheaper than ordering new ones from the manufacturer.

We repaired a water leak on Choptank Rd.

We took asphalt to be recycled.

We removed two dead trees at the park.

We put out late notices for water bills.

We cleaned all the benches and trash cans at the park.

We replaced a pressure switch (this turns the compressor on-off) on our air compressor when it quit working.

We painted the barricades that we put out for parades.

We also cut grass and sprayed weeds. This includes Main St. which we usually don't do, because the state DOT usually does it. We didn't want to wait because of the parade.

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

- **WWTP:**
  - Sewer Evaluation Project: Reybold has completed the CCTV project and GMB is reviewing all the information currently
  - GMB has requested an updated plan from Prostart to respond back to MDE.
  - The Town was due to deliver a corrective plan to MDE by mid May
  - TM met with GMB to discuss our sewer capacity and what availability our WWTP currently has; they are reviewing the data requested and will be back in touch.
- **Town Hall:**
  - Code Clerk inspected properties and sent out violation notices
  - Sidewalk Construction on Railroad Ave between Maple and Chambers went smoothly and is now complete
  - TM Worked on the FY23-24 Budget
  - TM and Comm. Winston attended the CCAM quarterly meeting in Hillsboro
  - Held our Public Hearing for the FY 23-24 Budget on 5-11-23
  - TMOBILE- no new updates
  - Scheduled a meeting with 120 Water for June 6<sup>th</sup> to review the newest LCRR updates and discuss template guidance, etc. This inventory is due October 2024
  - Created an RFP for the LCRR Inventory Project
  - Sandy has been working on our current website updates
  - Amber, Rich and Savannah attended the Senior Awards Night and awarded TOP/LCAA Scholarship to Mr. Brian Gross in the amount of \$1,000
- **Planning and Zoning**

- Reviewed and Issued Building Permits
- Recommended to the TC that they proceed with a Zoning Map amendment to re- zone the R2 properties from Maple Ave. to Lednum St. to C1.
- **Parks and Recreation**
  - CPP grant: The full reimbursement of \$18,200.00 was issued last week!
  - SPRINGDAZE May 20 12-4pm
    - Had about 55 vendors booked and all but 12 showed up despite the 50/50 weather chances
    - The entertainment was well received and all the vendors in attendance wish to return for SUMMERDAZE!
    - Overall a successful 1<sup>st</sup> Event; Thank you to all who helped to make it a great day!
  - Mikes Liquors Mural:
    - The County Planning Grant was approved and the Town has submitted for their mini grant in the amount of \$3,000 for our first Public Art Project.
    - A draft RFP Call for Artists has been designed and will be put in the paper once the Town is issued the CCCA Grant funds.
    - We should receive the funds from CCCA this month to start this project
  - Meditation Wall:
    - We submitted for the MD State Arts Council -Public Art Grant for the Meditation Wall and was denied this application period; we have received the grant submission feedback and will try again in October 2023.

**Planning and Zoning –No meeting no report**

**Code Enforcement Report – Amber Korell Report on file at Town Hall**

**ORDINANCE/ RESOLUTIONS**

*Resolution 2023-R-2 Special Events Permit-Special Exemption to the closed hours at the Park for the “Scream in the Park” events scheduled. \*Effective Immediately\*  
Read by Comm. Petroske 6-5-2023*

**New Business**

- Comm. Petroske made a motion to approve the bills for May 2023; Comm. Waltemeyer seconded the motion. All approved.
- Comm. VanDerveer made a motion to approve *Resolution 2023-R-1 WS Rate Increase FY23-24*; Comm. Waltemeyer seconded the motion. All approved.
- Comm. VanDerveer made a motion to approve *Ordinance 2023-O-1 Proposed Budget FY23-24*; Comm. Petroske seconded the motion. All approved.
- Comm. Petroske made a motion to approve *Resolution 2023-R-2 Special Events Permit-Special Exemption*; Comm. Hildenbrand seconded the motion. All Approved.
- There was not vote for the Control Burn Waiver Request from PVFC

-Comm. Waltemeyer made a motion to go into closed session at 8:06pm to discuss a personnel matter. Comm. Petroske seconded the motion. All approved.

-Comm. VanDerveer made a motion for adjourn closed session and open open session at 9:07pm, Comm. Petroske seconded the motion. All approved.

-Comm. Hildenbrand made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Comm. Petroske seconded. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Amber Korell