

October 9th, 2024

The regular meeting of the Preston Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Those present were:

Zachary Meseck – Supervisor

Steven Palmatier – Councilman

Scott Howe - Councilman

Jessie Howe – Councilman

Eileen Andrews - Councilman

Daniel Franklin – Highway Supt.

Sheri Howe – Bookkeeper, Dep. Clerk

Jennifer Funk – Town Clerk

Mr. Meseck called the regular meeting of the Preston Town Board to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Palmatier made the motion to adopt the agenda, with the Spectrum hearing being postponed until the November meeting. Seconded by Ms. J. Howe and carried.

Mr. Palmatier made the motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Andrews and carried.

Ms. Andrews made the motion authorizing the Town Clerk to certify Abstract #10 containing the General Fund Audits Nos. 67-74 totaling \$2,412.13 and Highway Orders Nos. 92-101 totaling \$11,791.98 and authorizing the Supervisor to pay said claims. Seconded by Ms. J. Howe and carried.

Ms. J. Howe made the motion to approve the Supervisor’s Report. Seconded by Mr. Howe and carried.

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dog Control Officer, Ms. Cody, stated that during the month she had checked on one dog following a bite for the Department of Health. She also stated that she had picked up one dog in Mr. Roger Barrows’ territory because he was unavailable. Ms. Cody suggested the Town perform an enumeration as it hasn’t been done in many years. She stated she needed to purchase 2 collars and a leash. Ms. Cody also requested professional training for the new Deputy Dog Control Officer.

Ms. Cindy Branham, Town Historian stated she was working on digitizing records for Preston Poorhouse, which may be available on the Find A Grave website.

Mr. Dylan Beresford was in attendance to present an updated quote for the installation and purchase of security cameras. Mr. Palmatier made the motion to give him a prepaid contract of up to \$5,500 for the purchase and installation of the cameras and necessary equipment. Seconded by Ms. Andrews and carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Franklin presented the Board with his monthly highway report and sick time report for the highway employees.

Mr. Franklin stated Suit-Kote hadn’t received the Town’s check to pay for CHIPS work, which in turn was holding up CHIPS paperwork. Ms. J. Howe made the motion to stop the missing check and reissue another. Seconded by Mr. Palmatier and carried.

Mr. Meseck stated he was following up with NYSEG on ensuring the necessary repairs on roads following NYSEG work, including a damaged pipe replacement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Meseck stated the Cemetery Sign Dedication will be held on October 20th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Meseck stated the Budget Session will be held on November 13th at 7:05 p.m. following the Spectrum Hearing. The insurance has increased 6.5%, so the Town will need to adjust accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Meseck stated the property complaint on Stafford Road is in the process of being cleaned up and there is significant improvement.

Mr. Meseck stated the Town Assessor, Mr. Graham, will be retiring. Mr. Graham knows someone interested in the position and will be introducing them to the Town Board soon.

Mr. Meseck stated that a resident had reached out to install a town-based clothing donation bin. After discussion, the Board felt it isn't the best time for this.

Mr. Meseck stated that debit cards would be arriving soon for the Town. This will allow purchases to be made without needing to be covered by personal funds.

Mr. Meseck stated the Insurance claim was being processed for the break-ins.

Mr. Palmatier stated he would like to forego his pay as Town Board member and have the Town use the money to get a welded steel post for the Packer Mason Cemetery stone. The Town will check with the Comptroller to make sure this can be done.

Mr. Palmatier made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Ms. J. Howe seconded and carried. Mr. Palmatier made the motion to leave Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. Seconded by Ms. J Howe and carried.

Ms. J. Howe made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Andrews and carried.