The Town of Preston met on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the town hall.

The meeting was called to order by Darrel at 5:38 PM. Certification of Open Meeting Law Requirements was met. Roll call was held with Ron, Darrel, Mary and Cathy present. Philip arrived late.

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Darrel, second by Ron. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular August 10, 2020 and special August 19, 2020 meetings were approved with a motion by Ron, second by Darrel. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report for September was approved with a motion by Ron, second by Darrel. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Darrel to approve the disbursements for September. Motion carried.

Public comment: Melby Road is done

Patrolman’s report: Andy Anderson is getting himself familiar with the equipment and doing preventative maintenance, doing road checks and mowing.

Update on Rural Insurance sign coverage. Premium and deductible are too high, no action.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to advertise for hauling of winter sand from County Materials of Trempealeau to the sand/salt shed. Deadline is Monday October 12, 2020 at 5 PM to Darrel and to be opened at the regular board meeting Monday, October 12, 2020 at 5:30 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Philip to acquire telephone and internet service from TCC (Tri-County Communications Cooperative) at about half the cost of Centurylink.

Update on the WE Energies gas line access to the new building, going along the west side of the parking lot to the back of the building.

Discussion was held on three entrances at new building requiring frost walls and ADA sink in the kitchen, not in the original building plans, but required by the State. Motion by Darrel, second by Philip to do the three frost walls at a cost of $1000 each for a total of $3000 and the ADA sink in the kitchen at a cost of $752. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a building sign. Mary to contact Bob Speltz for design and cost.

Update on building progress. Parking lot concrete to cure 20 days before driving heavy equipment on it. Motion by Philip, second by Ron to add concrete to the 2 feet width area on either side of the vestibule at a cost of $1600. Motion carried. Request for building use was discussed. Motion by Ron, second by Philip to not allow the senior class to use the building. Motion carried.

No action on FFA Alumni, plans changed.

Cathy applied for WEC Subgrant of $755, funds available for extra Co-Vid 19 election costs.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to register for Fall Workshops @ $30 and State Convention @ $94, so we can get training materials. Motion carried.

Bank CD’s, no action, allow to renew.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to replace the spinners on both trucks. Motion carried. Brake relay was replaced in the yellow truck by Brown & Hart.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to order road signs from the Correctional Institute for ones that are missing and for inventory. Motion carried.

Roads were discussed. Tappen Coulee Road needing shouldering and driveways done.

Motion by Ron, second by Darrel to have an Electors Meeting on October 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the new townhall/shop, for the purpose of deciding what to do about the downtown building. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to have a budget work night October 28, 2020 at 5:30 PM. Motion carried.

Announcements: Online convention and fall workshops

Suggestions for the next regular board meeting October 12, 2020 at 5:30 PM: school referendum presentation, tables and chairs.

Motion to adjourn at 7:04 PM by Philip, second by Ron. Motion carried.