The Town of Preston met on Monday, November 9, 2020 at the town hall.

The meeting was called to order by Darrel at 5:30 P.M. Certification of Open Meeting Law Requirements was met. Roll call was held with Ron, Philip, Darrel, Mary and Cathy present.

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

The minutes of the regular October 12, 2020 meeting was approved with a motion by Ron, second by Darrel. Motion carried.

The November treasurer’s report was approved with a motion by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to approve the disbursements for November. Motion carried.

Public comment: comment was made on the importance of fire extinguishers.

Patrolman’s report: shouldering on Tappen Coulee Road is done and pothole filling on Nyen Martin is complete.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to set up CD’s for the New Equipment account and the Fire Department account for the budgeted amounts January 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to purchase a bolt bin from Kimball Midwest for the shop at a cost of $379 for 1835 pcs. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on various building items: HVAC walk through, silt sifting done by Chosen Valley Testing (CVT), 1 yr. warranty on most things in the building and give Simmons Construction November 30 as a final completion date for the building.

Motion by Ron, second by Darrel to purchase 100 chairs from Bizchair at a cost of $18.49 per chair. Motion carried. Motion by Philip, second by Ron to purchase 13 tables from School Specialty at a cost of 239.96 per table. Motion carried.

Update was given on the Routes 2 Recovery grant, trying to use as much of funded money as possible.

Blinds were discussed, Mary will have more information for the next meeting. Motion by Ron, second by Philip to purchase from School Specialty, 2, 60” x 11.5” x 6.5” wall mount coat racks for a $189.71 each. Motion carried.

Time to start thinking about 2021 roadwork.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to set Public Hearing for 2021 budget for November 30, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Townhall with a Special Elector Meeting immediately following to set the tax levy and a Special Town Board Meeting to follow to approve the 2021 budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to adjourn to closed session Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. to conduct other town business where competitive or bargaining reasons are concerned. Roll call vote: Ron-yes, Philip-yes, and Darrel-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to return to open session. Ron-yes, Philip-yes and Darrel-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to give the Chairman authority to present letter to the City Council with the Town of Preston’s proposal for purchase of ½ of the downtown building. Motion carried.

Announcements: received 3rd quarter payment from Hi-Crush of $501.52.

Suggestions for the next regularly scheduled meeting December 14, 2020 at 5:30 PM: ATV usage and blinds.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.