The Town of Preston met on January 24, 2022 at the town hall.

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

The agenda was approved with a motion by Darrel, second by Ron. Motion carried.

The minutes from the regular board meeting held December 13, 2021 were approved with a motion by Philip, second by Ron. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report for December were approved with a motion by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.

The disbursements for January were approved with a motion by Ron, second by Darrel. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

Patrolman’s report: plowing and sanding, replaced bushings on plows for big trucks.

Discussion was held on the need for EMR service. Ambulance now comes from the ER in Whitehall. 9 firemen are currently taking the EMR course. Endorsement is needed by the town for the State. Motion by Philip, second by Ron to authorize Chairman Darrel Nelson to sign endorsement for the State of Wisconsin from The Town of Preston for the creation of First Responders by the fire department. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on red truck plow mount, frame has been welded several times. Motion by Philip, second by Ron to order plow mount frame for the red truck from Burke Equipment for approximate cost of $1500. Motion carried. Update on road groom, Town of Franklin has ordered their own.

Roadwork was discussed. Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to blade patch and seal coat Shelly Ridge Road with Co-Aid. New federal funding available, need to apply and possibly use for Bradley Road.

Update on broadband: grants are available with minimum of 50%, can be up to 70-80%. County to set up committee, need someone from town on it.

Update that ARPA funds can now be used on roads.

Discussion on hall use by school for testing. Motion by Ron, second by Philip to allow the school for testing on March 8, 2022. Motion carried.

Announcements: WTA District meetings March 4 & 5 in La Crosse and EauClaire.

Suggestions for the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM: Pilgrims, ATV, Felty Lambright, roads and Taylor Frac revaluation.

Motion to adjourn at 6:32 PM by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.