The Town of Preston met on October 12, 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.

Motion by Darrel, second by Philip to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022, regular board meeting as printed. Motion carried.

The financial report for September was approved with a motion by Philip, second by Ron. Motion carried.

The disbursements for October were approved with a motion by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

Patrolman’s report: None

Sand hauling bid was opened, Nelson Diesel & Dozing bid is $5.90/ton. Motion by Ron, second by Philip to accept the bid of $5.90/ ton to haul winter sand from County Materials in Trempealeau to the sand/salt shed. Motion carried 3-0.

Information on storage shelves was discussed. Ron will get an updated price for shelf to fit our requirements.

No new information on noise ordinance.

Discussion was held on cleaning application, after reviewing, more information on who provides what is needed.

Roadwork was discussed. Darrel gave a preview on Delmore Consulting and the services they provide.

Update on equipment: grader shifts better, still no park. Darrel gave information on a used truck from Mid-State Equipment for $160,000.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to authorize Darrel to sign agreement for Auto-Aid with Ettrick Fire Department. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Ron, second by Darrel to present budget increase for fire department to budget committee. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to move into closed session to consider employment compensation and performance evaluation of town patrolman and town employees Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats. Roll call vote. Ron-yes, Philip-yes and Darrel-yes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to give full-time patrolman a $1 increase and part-time patrolmen with a CDL license a $.50 increase in pay effective January 1, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to move into closed session to deliberate or negotiate the annexation of property within the town Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. Roll call vote. Ron-yes, Philip-yes and Darrel-yes, motion carried.

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

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to have our attorney send a letter to the City’s attorney with our objections to their annexation petitions outlined by our attorney Terrance Madden. Motion carried 3-0.

Announcements: convention update, election November 8, 2022, and budget work night October 24, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

Suggestions for agenda items for the next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:30 PM: shelves, cleaning and annexation.

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried 3-0.