The Town of Preston met on Monday, June 12, 2023, 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 with Ron, Philip, Darrel, Mary and Cathy present.

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

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023, regular board meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

Public comment: Smart Sand is loading out train cars with sand, any money for town yet?

Patrolman’s report: 1st mowing pass is done, brushing and repairs on hydraulic fittings on mower tractor and loader.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to open liquor licensing hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to close the liquor licensing hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to approve liquor license applications from Lily of the Valley, LLC and Blair Sportsman’s Club. Motion carried.

Operator License applications were presented to the board. Motion by Ron, second by Darrel to approve operator licenses to Sherry Kelly, Sheila Simmons, Kari Lejcher, Julie Wheeler, Linda Curran and Mandi Rolbiecki. Motion carried.

Bids were open for Bradley Road and Lonestar Road. Scott Construction $63,994 dark granite, $61,085 pink granite, $18,000 for wedging and Ettrick portion $6850 dark granite and $6720 pink granite. Fahrner Construction $73,892 with $5702 for Town of Ettrick portion. Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to accept Fahrner’s bid of $79,594 for chip sealing of Bradley Road and Lonestar Road from Bradley Road to Highway 53. Motion carried.

Bids were opened for Thompson Road LRIP. Scott Construction $65,597 dark granite and $62,546 pink granite. Fahrner Construction $59,205. Motion by Ron, second by Philip to accept Fahrner’s bid of $59,205 for double chip seal of Thompson Road for LRIP funding. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to have Trempealeau County Highway department put a 1 ½ overlayment on .82 miles of Peterson Coulee East from County Road D for an estimate of $75,000. Motion carried.

Tree costs were discussed. Smith: 25-gal pot $415/ tree. 3 trees and $800 labor are $2260. JB Landscaping: verbal quote of 15-gal pot $350/ tree. No action, need more information and weather is too dry for planting at this time.

Update on South River Road: WTA lawyers said that there would need to be a car count study to see if speed needed to be lowered.

No new information on cement apron at fire department.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to create a standing motion that the town pay for registration, banquet/luncheon meals and rooms for board members attending the State Towns Association Convention. Motion carried.

No discussion on roadwork or equipment was held.

No Announcements.

Suggestions for agenda items for the next regularly scheduled town board meeting on July 10, 2023, at 5:30 PM: trees and fire department apron.

Motion to adjourn at6:39 PM by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.