The Town of Preston met on Thursday, August 10, 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 was held 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 July 10, 2023, regular board meeting. Motion carried.

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

The disbursements for August were approved with a motion by Darrel, second by Philip. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

Patrolman’s report: working on trucks for winter.

Request was presented by Curtis Walter of Vertical Bridge for a Conditional Use Permit for a new cell tower on Brekke Ridge. Motion by Philip, second by Ron to have clerk send a letter to the County Land Management committee in favor of the request. Roll call vote, Ron-yes, Philip-yes and Darrel-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Trees for town hall was discussed with JB Landscaping $1300 for 3 red maples, planted and landscaping and Smith Landscaping $2260 also for 3 red maples planted and landscaped. Motion by Darrel, second by Philp to accept the bid from JB Landscaping for $1300. Motion carried 2-1.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to accept Jeremy Swenson’s quote of ($25,222) $12,611 (towns 1/2) for cement work around the community center. Motion carried.

Update on roadwork: Peterson Coulee Road overlayment is done. Bradley Road, Lonestar Road and Thompson Road should be completed in the next 2 weeks.

Discussion on equipment: lawn mower needs work, use it until it stops working.

Motion by Darrel, second by Philip to move into closed session to consider employment compensation and performance evaluation of 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 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 give employee a written notice and if absenteeism continues, he will be let go from the town. Motion carried.

Announcements: fall workshops, September 19, 2023, in Eau Claire and state convention October 22-24 in Wisconsin Dells.

Suggestions for agenda items for the next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting on September 11, 2023, at 5:30 PM: Lake Henry project

Motion to adjourn at 6:31 PM by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.