

January 6, 2025

The Preston Township Board of Supervisors held their December Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday January 6, 2025 at the Township Municipal Building. James C. Neu, Jr., Chair called the meeting to order. Board members present were Alan Jones (via Skype), and Stephen Brown. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Minutes of the December meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes by James C. Neu, Jr., second by Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by James C. Neu, Jr., second by Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

Expenses for the month were reviewed. Motion to pay invoices and approve the payrolls by James C. Neu Jr., second by Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

Invoices totaled \$ **14,638.54**

Payrolls totaled \$ **17,644.00**

Total: \$ 32,282.54

Preston Township SEO, James McDonald's 2025 Fee Schedule was reviewed. James C. Neu, Jr. made a motion to except the fee schedule. Stephen Brown seconded it.

Stephen Brown asked if there was a cost for complaints. James McDonald stated that DEP will not allow a fee to be charged for complaints.

Assistant Secretary, Amy Watson reminded the public that Short-Term Rental Permits are now in effect and people should apply before the busy season starts so they don't have a delay in business. It is a yearly permit that costs \$125.

Gary Czapnick, Preston Township Planning Commission Chairman, commented on the Rutledge Subdivision. He stated that all the signatures have been obtained except for one party. There appears to be a conflict at the moment. It cannot be presented to the board until all signatures are acquired. Jim McDonald inquired about the Non-Building Waver. Gary Czapnick stated that isn't a problem because all parties do not have to be involved. Jason and Michelle Rutledge had already signed it. Supervisor James C. Neu, Jr. asked what can we do at this time. Gary replied that at this point there is not much we, as a Township we can do.

The Bruce and Judith Stanton Subdivision will be looked at this coming Wednesday.

Supervisor Stephen Brown gave his Roadmaster Report. The roads are hard right now and there are a lot of cinders on them. There isn't a lot going on. We are just playing the weather game at the moment.

Assistant Secretary, Amy Watson gave the January event announcements.

Supervisor, Alan Jones brought up the issue of a lack of future SEO's. He asked if perhaps we should ask SEO, James McDonald if training someone would be an option. James McDonald confirmed there was a huge lack in SEO's throughout Wayne County at the moment and the big problem is that it's a seasonal job. He feels the eventually the County will have to step in and hire SEO's to fill the positions.

During public comments SEO, James McDonald stated that it was good that Preston Township has a Short-Term Rental agreement because a couple surrounding Townships are having serious legal problems at the moment. He stated that DEP said they would be able to do more if the Townships had a Short-Term Rental agreement in place.

Preston Township resident John Gales announced his plans on filling the void the Northern Wayne Fireman's Carnival left. It will be called "Community Days" which will be held the third weekend in July, the 18th and 19th with the 20th being a cleanup day. There will be food vendor trucks, something for kids and music bands. There will be fireworks Saturday night, July 19th. All proceeds will go to the community. There is a non-profit account set up at Honesdale National Bank. More information will be announced in the near future.

Supervisor James C Neu, Jr. stated there was a significant donation for picnic tables at the pavilion. The donator wished to remain anonymous.

Gary Czapnick asked what was going on with the property next to the old Bill Elleck's residence. There appears to be several travel camper vehicles, a boat and a storage container on the lot. James C. Neu Jr. stated the Township is in litigation with them and has a court hearing next month.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

-Assistant Secretary Amy Watson

**Treasurer's Report
for February 6 , 2025**

General Fund	90,200.24	Parks & Rec Fund	3,614.89
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>67,530.33</u>	Liquid Fuels Equip. Reserve	10,590.23
	161,434.27	General Fd Operating Reserve	64,900.16
		Health & Welfare	6,257.49
		UCC Fund	28,233.32

UCC Fund Receipts

(Rutledge) **124.50**

General Fund Receipts

Short-Term Rental Renewal	125.00
Local Realty Transfer Tax	1,347.50
Sewer Permits/ S.E.O. work (Anderson Valley Construction, LLC)	315.00
Delinquent Taxes	3,486.14
Driveway Permit (Williams)	50.00
Subdivision-Planning Commission (Stanton)	75.00

5,398.64

Invoices Paid / To Be Paid

Hancock Telephone	49.95	Aetna	185.18
T.J. Napa Auto	1,398.53	Freddy's	85.00
Amtrust	1,867.00	Penelec - Veteran's Memorial	45.10
Preston Market	26.97	Penelec - Office/Garage	261.81
Industrial Electronics	150.00	Penelec - Storage Shed	134.08
B.I.U.	140.00	Geisinger Health Options	2,078.26
Verizon	169.09	Bob Bates	200.00
Worobey Transport	150.00	Bradco	235.00
Dempsey	201.51	Firmstone - Diesel	728.48
Town & Country - (garage)	486.59	Firmstone - Gas	235.71
Town & Country - (office)	304.00	John Bonham	2171.85
Town & Country - (garage)	581.40	Leory Kreider	110.00
Town & Country - (office)	568.03	Bradco	235.00
Saam, LLC	273.81	Firmstone - Kerosene	757.80
Bisbee Lumber	35.99	Firmstone - Diesel	772.40

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