The monthly meeting of the Preston Housing Authority was called to order on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 4:02pm.

In attendance are Dave Goss, Sara Vegliante, Leigh Pappas and Marie Perrin. Carol Onderdonk, Executive Director, was also in attendance.

The minutes from the December 10, 2018 monthly meeting were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes by L. Pappas and seconded by M. Perrin. So moved.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS/TREASURER’S REPORT:

M. Perrin provided a complete review of the January 2019 receipts and disbursements.

A motion was made to approve Bills and Communications by S. Vegliante and seconded by M. Perrin. So Moved.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented for December.

December 2018

Checking  $39,443.90
Citizen’s CD  $32,293.14
Dime CD  $22,053.11
Total:  $93,790.15

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report by S. Vegliante and seconded by L. Pappas. So moved.

REPORT OF RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR:

Fran Minor reported the Dessert Bread Holiday Celebration was a great time. All enjoyed the delicious baked goods. Someone was generous and donated gingerbread houses for the residents to decorate. The craft group has enjoyed this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cameras- All cameras are up and running. M. Perrin still needs access from the PHA laptop.
Power washing gutters and buildings: Buildings have been power washed. Gutters still have not been done. Carol has called them. They promised to be out and have not come to do the gutters. Carol has 2 unanswered messages out since then. At this point, we will have to wait until the spring.

Tree removal: The contractor was waiting for the ground to freeze. We are on the list.

Invoiced from Eagle Electric and Fire Tech- in dispute. Carol will have Atty. Manfredi send a dispute letter to FireTech regarding the 3 or 4 bills in which they came out and did not fix the problem—leading to 3 or 4 trips.

Routine Landscaping- Carol is looking for companies for quotes. L. Pappas has a couple names and will send over.

Consideration to change fire monitoring service provider. Tabled until we resolve the billing dispute with FireTech.

T-Mobile- We are still going to research. L. Pappas will contact other housing authorities who have program for feedback.

NEW BUSINESS:

The toilet wax ring was improperly installed or not installed at all from the Small Cities Grant bathroom remodel 2 years ago leading to multiple bathrooms leaking under the floors. Carol called Nancy Wagner from Wagner Assoc. to see if we have any warranty from the original contractor. They said no. We signed off on the one-year warranty. Carol’s going to call Wagner Assoc again. If that doesn’t work then we will call Channel 3.

ACTION ITEMS:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

After many attempts to contact the washer and dryer rental company, Carol has finally accomplished having the per load rate back to our original agreement rate.

Carol contacted Bousquet’s Appliances and worked with Robbie to replace a refrigerator. They want to work with us for all the appliances and repairs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tenant Annette inquired if there are other internet providers besides Comcast.

Tenant Rep. M. Perrin reported the Ham dinner was delicious the week after Christmas. Many people brought sides. The Perrin’s did most of the cooking and donated the ham. It was a quiet turnout with about 6-8 people.
Commissioner L. Pappas asked the tenants in attendance if there is a wish list of what the community needs. Responses were birdhouses, leaf removal, and a roof over the garbage locations. M. Perrin will ask the Boy Scouts about the roofs and/or leaf removal.

A motion to go into executive session was made by S. Vegliante at 5:04pm and seconded by L. Pappas. So moved.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by S. Vegliante at 5:42pm and seconded by L. Pappas. So moved.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Vegliante at 5:42pm and seconded by M. Perrin. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Vegliante
Secretary/ Preston Housing Authority