

these projects at the Dec. 5 meeting.

Voting clarification

Bornstein requested that the meeting minutes for Sept. 19 be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion, and Murphy made a motion to clarify the vote on the Board of Adjustment nominee Jamie Fenley that was conducted on Sept. 19 should show that Fenley was approved by a vote of 3-2, not 4-1 as Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman had recorded. The trustees voted unanimously to approve this clarification. See www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#mbot0718 and www.ocn.me/v16n10.htm#mbot0910.

Then Bornstein made a motion that all votes in the future would be done by roll call, instead of a vote by acclamation ("all in favor say 'aye'"), so that such confusion could be avoided. The trustees voted unanimously to do all future votes by roll call.

Finally, Bornstein clarified that he really wanted those roll call votes called in random order each time, which the trustees also approved 7-0.

Updated signature authority

Director of Finance/Town Treasurer Pamela Smith presented a resolution authorizing a change of signature authority with Wells Fargo Bank. She said Finance Director Bob Rummans had moved away, and it was important that the signature card be updated. The resolution was approved unanimously.

She summarized that the authorized signers on People's and First National Bank CDs were now herself and Chris Lowe. Authorized signers on the Wells Fargo and ColoTrust bank accounts were the town manager, all directors (Smith, Tharnish, Shirk, Sirochman, Manning) and the mayor.

Xeriscaping in landscaping ordinance

During trustee comments, Murphy asked the status of the landscaping ordinance that was supposed to be discussed. He also stated that this discussion began four or five months ago. He said the community was waiting for feedback on whether landscaping could include xeriscaping, which is "not just cactus or desert but can include a variety of plants."

Lowe said that he had not been given board direction by a majority of trustees to pursue this, but that he would now ask Principal Planner Larry Manning to do some research on it. Shupp said that the Planning Commission had been unable to reach a consensus and that Manning had planned to make a request of the board at the next meeting about getting information from Colorado State University.

The trustees voted unanimously to support staff spending time on this research working toward possible changes in the town ordinance.

Note: Tharnish and Smith said at the June 20 Monument Board of Trustees meeting that Manning was spearheading work on the town's landscaping ordinances that might incorporate more xeriscaping principles. <http://www.ocn.me/v16n7.htm#mbot-0620>.

The Monument Planning Commission considered the topic for two meetings, but due to irreconcilable ar-

guments at its July 13 and Aug. 10 meetings, it decided to forward the item to the Board of Trustees for consideration. See www.ocn.me/v16n8.htm#mpc0713 and www.ocn.me/v16n9.htm#mpc.

Questions about oversight on metro districts

During trustee comments, Medicott asked Shupp and Lowe what oversight municipalities had on metropolitan districts, such as Triview, within their boundaries. Shupp responded, "None! By statute, they are governmental entities with limited authority, approved initially by county commissioners, who could modify their service plan. But the state is the only other oversight."

Village Center Metro District asks for help

During three-minute public comments, two representatives of the Village Center Metropolitan District (VCMD) southeast of Highway 105 and Knollwood Drive addressed the board, stating that they were asking for help from the town but that their request to be put on the agenda for a 20-minute presentation had been denied.

Jim Romanello, president of VCMD, said that after Development Services Director Tom Kassawara left in 2014, nobody held the developers accountable on the original filings and common areas in Village Center. Also, he said, it had originally been zoned for commercial along Highway 105, and VCMD revenue bonds were based on that projected revenue. "We will never be able to pay even the interest, let alone maintain the streets, now that the zoning has been changed to residential development. We are doing the snow removal and maintaining the parks. Could the town take over streets maintenance since that zoning was changed?"

Note: 330,000 square feet of commercial space was originally planned in Village Center Filing 4A, but the zoning was changed to residential in November 2014 by the trustees. See www.ocn.me/v14n12.htm#mbot1103.

Dustin Sparks, vice president of VCMD, said he hoped the town could help make the development approval process work better, because the metro district does not actually have any authority in making sure new roads and landscaping are really completed before being accepted, but VCMD has the responsibility of maintain-

ing those roads. He and Romanello again requested to speak about this as a full agenda item in the near future.

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