

ect as is being discussed, Monument could spend \$14.2 million instead of \$11.7 million, Lowe said. Farabaugh said it could be completed in three to five years.

The land for either this plant or for a possible new town public works building was already in the process of being acquired north of DePuy-Synthes in a seven-acre parcel on Mitchell Avenue, Lowe said.

Later in the meeting, the trustees unanimously approved a resolution approving the town's purchase of Lot 3, Block 1, Valument subdivision. Note: This lot would have either of two addresses: 16815 Mitchell Ave. or 901 Synthes Ave.

Proposed radium removal treatment process changed

Well 9 is an essential component of the town's water supply, and according to Forsgren's technical memorandum given to the trustees at the Oct. 11 meeting, radium concentrations in the water from Well 9 have been detected for many years. Until recently these concentrations were within the limits of the Safe Drinking Water Standards (SDWS) set by the EPA. Now that the levels have exceeded those standards, the town needs to remove the radium from the water. See www.ocn.me/v16n9.htm#water, www.ocn.me/v16n11.htm#mbot1003, and www.ocn.me/v16n11.htm#mbot1017.

Farabaugh said waste disposal issues can be very difficult but that the town is currently working with CDPHE to clear up some regulatory uncertainty about which type of treatment would be best to treat any health concerns in the potable water as well as addressing any concerns with the wastewater system.

Background: In October, Forsgren Associates had proposed using Hydrous Manganese Oxide (HMO) filtration "which used to be pretty common in the state." However, Farabaugh said now different groups within CDPHE are not as confident in the HMO process as they have been in the past because of implications on the waste side. Forsgren is trying to gain consensus from CDPHE on which treatments will benefit everyone involved. An alternative Koger mentioned would be the ion exchange process also listed in the October technical memo, which is more expensive than HMO. It would require pre-arranged disposal plans for all of the various used substances that could contain low-level radioactive material and could cost \$275,000 plus an annual \$14,000 in operations and maintenance (O&M), according to the memo.

Upgrade wells 4 and 5

Farabaugh said another project in the works is to upgrade the treatment capacity of wells 4 and 5. Those wells are

not in service right now and need upgrades to be able to treat the iron-rich water from the alluvial wells, but if they were operating they could help meet peak water demands in the summer. Costs and options for this project are not complete yet, but Farabaugh said they hoped to go online next summer.

Water storage tank explained; eminent domain approved

Moore explained about the town's need for a second town water storage tank so that the first one could be taken offline for much-needed repairs. It would also provide storage for daily demand fluctuations, water leaks, and fighting fires. He said the second tank would provide water at a lower pressure, reducing the need for mechanical pressure reduction valves (PRVs), and would improve system reliability in case of electricity failure when pumps couldn't run.

Moore said after a failed attempt to obtain a tank site on national forest land, the town purchased property at 744 Forest View Way for the new tank. This is outside the town limits at a particular elevation that Forsgren's studies recommend. It would require building water transmission lines from the tank directly east to the town, and "the alignment is yet to be determined." The tank would be painted forest green, screened by 14-foot trees, and partially buried in the ground to make it less noticeable, Moore said. It would cost an estimated \$3.9 million.

Moore said the pre-application meeting held with El Paso County went well regarding the required 1041 permit, which eventually must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Lowe said the pur-

pose of the 1041 process was to identify that a public purpose was being served by placing a water tank in that area, since "there is not 'water tank zoning' in the

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