



Above: On Jan. 17, Monument Public Works Director Tom Tharnish recognized water and street department staff that worked through the night in sub-zero weather on Jan. 4 and 5 to repair a leak in a water valve that collapsed part of Second Street. From left are Tharnish, Water Superintendent Steve Sheffield, Chief Water Operator Nick Harris, Water Tech I Dan Jurekovic, Parks Foreman James Shubauer, Street Tech II Jonathon Rigaud, and Water Tech II Denny Phillips. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*



Above: Triview Metropolitan District Manager Valerie Remington, left, and board President Reid Bolander presented the "State of Triview" at the Monument Board of Trustees Jan. 17. This was part of an effort to increase communication between the town and Triview, which is a Title 32 special district within the town boundaries. They outlined the financial and water supply situation and described streets, water, and sanitation infrastructure capital improvements plans. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

There was consensus to hold joint Town of Monument/Triview board meetings semiannually.

Purchasing ordinance changes continued, again

Town Manager Chris Lowe presented revisions to the ordinance regarding the town's purchasing policy and informal and formal bidding procedures. This had been addressed already on Nov. 7, but the proposed changes failed by a 3-4 vote. The trustees who voted no then said that the revisions did not address the intention of their suggestions from Oct. 3, such as when and if the board would be consulted on large purchases. See www.ocn.me/v16n12.htm#mbot1107.

Note: To see Chapter 3.08 – Municipal Contracts in the Monument Municipal Code, search www.municode.com/library/co/monument/codes/code_of_ordinances.

Lowe said the new revisions took the trustees' requests for more input into consideration. All purchases must be approved by the town manager and current budget. Making the changes would ensure that town staff is correctly approving purchases and contracts, and bidding those that require bidding, "without the process being onerous."

Trustee Greg Coopman said the new revisions were heading in the right direction but that he still had concerns, as Trustee Shea Medlicott had asked on Oct. 3, about the integrity of the bidding process to avoid favoritism, and why the board approved checks as they

were going out the door instead of earlier in the process. Coopman also said it seemed drastic to change from \$5,000 to a proposed \$15,000 without needing a bid, for example. The issue was not if it was in the budget but the fact that one individual contractor might have gotten all the work, he said.

Lowe said he was very sensitive to Coopman's comments and that all the department heads were parsimonious and protective of the public's dollars. For some kinds of very specialized work, there is only a small number of contractors who have the skills to bid it, he said.

No members of the public spoke either for or against the item during the public hearing.

Medlicott made a motion to continue the discussion again. This motion passed 5-2, with Mayor Jeff Kaiser and Mayor Pro-Tem Don Wilson voting no.

Tax exempt obligations resolution approved

Lowe presented a resolution described in a memo written by Town Treasurer Pamela Smith. In December 2016, the town purchased land at Mitchell Road and Synthes Avenue to be used for a planned water reuse facility and a future public works facility for \$710,000. This was paid for by the 2A

Water Acquisition, Storage, and Delivery (ASD) Fund as a cash purchase. This purchase deplet-

ed the ASD Fund, which should also be available to use for "future water endeavors," including

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