

Bumgarner:

- Trost gave the month's run report as the board had directed last month, but it was done verbally and not included in the board packet, so it was hard to follow or summarize.
- Fleet vehicle maintenance is being tracked using VIN numbers now.
- The May 6 Neighborhood Wildfire Leadership Summit went well.
- Staff is working with Bethesda Gardens senior care center to finalize expectations and procedures for assistance on non-fire calls.

- Before construction begins, staff is working with Jackson Creek Senior Living on placement of hydrants, sprinklers, and other fire-fighting infrastructure.
- Plans for the TLMFPD administrative office location was still in flux. The lease at the current Gleneagle

Drive location, which is not inside the district, will be up presently.

- Truty owes the board a statement of goals.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Meetings are usually held the fourth Wednesday of each

month. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. June 28 at TLMFPD Station 1, 18650 Highway 105. For information, contact Jennifer Martin at 719-484-0911. For upcoming agendas, see <http://tlmfire.org/board-agendas-minutes>.

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Monument Board of Trustees, May 1

Town attorney to leave Aug. 1; replacement appointed

By Lisa Hatfield

On May 1, the Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) appointed a new town attorney, wondered what to do about their missing

trustee, heard a request from Village Center Metropolitan District to modify its service plan, and approved a contract for modifications to Well 9 to deal

with the radium issue. "Equality of information" to all trustees, and communication with the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility (TLWWTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC) were concerns voiced during several portions of the meeting.

Trustee Shea Medicott was absent. Town Manager Chris Lowe was excused, and Town Treasurer Pamela Smith filled in for him.

Town attorney will resign as of Aug. 1

Town Attorney Gary Shupp tendered his resignation as of Aug. 1. Smith said the 90 days he would still be here was a golden opportunity for him to share his 18 years of experience in service to the town.

Resolution appointing a town attorney

Human Resources Director Robert Bishop presented a resolution to appoint Alicia Corley as the new town attorney. He said she has been wanting to work with the town for over a year in some capacity, but that if the town de-

layed on its decision tonight, she might accept another offer.

Trustees Greg Coopman and Dennis Murphy brought up more concerns about lack of communication with all the trustees on the hiring process. Coopman said he had not received any emails about any of this. "I was never clued in we would be seeking a replacement, or actively pursuing one candidate and not posting the position, until the board packet came out... Where was the communication with the full board?"

Murphy said, "I am a little concerned about the cavalier attitude about equality of information... When (only certain) individuals get critical information, but it does not get out to the whole board." He said he had attended the pertinent executive session but had not gotten all his questions answered about the timeline, strategy, duties, responsibilities, and salary. Trustee Jeff Bornstein agreed that communication could have been better.

Trustee Kelly Elliott said she got to know Corley when she interviewed for the town clerk position this winter and was so overqualified, having extensive experience with municipalities and public works cases. "We are fortunate that the right candidate fell right into our laps," and it was not necessary to post the position.

Kaiser said Corley was extremely qualified and that the executive session on this included an excellent discussion. "I think that has been equality of information because we did have an executive session." Mayor Pro-Tem Don Wilson asked Coopman to recuse himself from the vote, since he had missed that executive session, but Coopman refused.

The trustees voted 5-1 in favor of appointing Alicia Corley as town attorney. Coopman voted no.

Questions about missing trustee

Wilson asked if there were a process or policy for board positions being abandoned. "When people vote, they expect to be represented. Our Town Clerk Laura Hogan has not heard anything from (Trustee Shea) Medicott. The public has a right to know that."

Shupp said the standard rule is three unexcused absences, and then the board may take action. He recommended that someone contact the missing trustee to ask him if he intended to step down and if so, if he would submit a

resignation letter. Bornstein said he would contact him to find out more.

Village Center asks for modification to service agreement

Forrest Hindley of the Village Center Metropolitan District Board spoke during public comments. "We members of Village Center Metro District board have begged, cajoled, and pleaded with the trustees for help, but we can't even be put on the agenda! To quote your 2004 Service Agreement, 'should material modification occur (such as a decrease in the financial ability of the district to discharge the existing or proposed indebtedness) as described in C.R.S. 32-1-207(2), the district shall apply for approval of such modifications to the town of Monument.' Town trustees, we are hereby applying for modifications, as specified in the Colorado State Code."

He said due to the service agreement, none of Village Center's projected revenue was going for road and park maintenance, snow plowing, electric lights, and flood control. Instead, all the revenue was going to the bond repayment. Also, in 2014, the Monument trustees further exacerbated the problem by approving a zoning change for the commercial portion of the district to be residential instead, which sliced district revenue in half and increased the number of roads and parks the district was required to maintain, he said. See www.ocn.me/v14n12.htm#mbot1103, www.ocn.me/v16n12.htm#mbot1107, www.ocn.me/v17n2.htm#mbot.

Contract awarded for Well 9 treatment modifications

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish presented a resolution awarding a \$71,102 contract to Velocity Plant Services for the Well 9 treatment modifications that will allow sufficient dilution to occur to satisfy the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on the radium issue. That needed to be solved before that high-producing well could be used for water production again. He said the state preferred the treatment of blending the Well 3/9 water with water from another well with significantly less radium, instead of other types of treatments that would have byproducts to dispose of.

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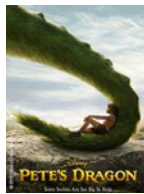
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June 9



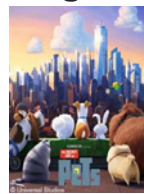
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