

- Maggie Williamson: I am shaking, I am so furious. You are all questioning everything, creating a ton of work for these people, but this board is getting ridiculous. Don't try to do so much 'for the people,' because you are not doing it for me.
- Heather Wilson: I am really angry. You have made personal attacks in public to town staff and to residents of Monument. It is clear on social media how you want to get rid of people. I think Trustee Murphy would be a horrible mayor. I have never seen someone so angry and so hateful towards people.

See related Nov. 21 Monument Board of Trustees article on page 6.

Changes to purchasing ordinance voted down

Lowe presented an ordinance amending Chapter 3.08 of the Monument Municipal Code regarding the purchasing policy and informal and formal bidding procedures.

Background: At the Oct. 3 meeting, Trustee Medlicott again questioned why the board had to "rubber stamp" large expenses after the fact instead of participating more actively in the bidding approval process, and the trustees directed Lowe to rewrite the code. Lowe said on Oct. 3 that there was nothing included in checks over \$5,000 that had not been budgeted, and if so, it was stated. "It is hard to present checks before the work is done, since we don't have an invoice."

Lowe's Nov. 7 comments included:

- I'm comfortable that this amendment has a fairly common sense and safe level of financial controls.
- You get a monthly report from Finance Director/Town Treasurer Pamela Smith on everything that went out the door.
- We don't want to create inefficiencies by asking you again when things are already approved in the budget.

However, a discussion ensued about how many and which staff members need to sign checks and the timing of when the board is consulted. No members of the public spoke either for or against the amendments. The amendment motion failed by a 3-4 vote. Coopman, Bornstein, Murphy, and Medlicott voted no. Their comments during the discussion included:

- Coopman: Maybe you misunderstood the spirit of the direction in which this was asked of staff, which was to highlight the approval process and make sure this board was involved with more expensive purchases. This proposed update just increases the dollar amounts, but they are still not changed to make it come before the board until after the fact.
- Medlicott: I want it to lessen the burden on Lowe but also put on some safeguards for the board. I just want some high-up oversight.

Loan application to help pay for radium treatment

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish presented a resolution to approve a \$100,000 loan application with National Rural Water Association. This money would be used to supplement \$46,000 from the town to design and

install the hydrous manganese oxide (HMO) chemical treatment process that the town's water engineers plan to use to remove radium from the water in Well 9 and resolve the radium violation there. See www.ocn.me/v16n11.htm#mbot1017 for a summary of the draft technical memo outlining the options the town considered to deal with this problem.

Tharnish said the soonest the new treatment process could be online would be summer 2017, since it "needs to go through an engineering review with the Colorado Department of Public Health (CDPHE)." He said that since this is a chronic problem, instead of an acute problem, that timeline is not an issue, and that a second public notice would be posted Nov. 8 at www.townofmonument.org/town-bulletins/.

Tharnish's report also noted that the radium removed from the treated drinking water goes "into the backwash water which flows to the wastewater facility which has more than adequate dilution available. It is a new maintenance item with additional chemical feed and handling which will require additional monitoring at appropriate times."

See related Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee article on page 9.

The trustees approved the loan resolution unanimously.

Checks over \$5,000 and third-quarter financial report

The consent agenda in the trustee packet contained the 47-page third-quarter financial report prepared by Finance Director/Treasurer Pamela Smith, but the trustees did not ask any questions about it. Two disbursements were also approved unanimously as part of the consent agenda:

- Community Matters Inc., comprehensive plan consultants – \$11,311
- Green Electric Inc., electric update Well 7 – \$12,544

Later in the meeting, Bornstein requested that future agendas include quarterly updates about how much revenue the new tap fee schedule was generating. Smith said this information was already shown in reports the trustees received regularly, in the Water Department section, but Lowe said that staff could still "bring it out and make it more obvious." Bornstein thanked them and said, "Please keep it simple. I don't want to generate a lot of work."

Update on water projects

Tharnish presented a brief update on all the current water projects being considered by the town. They include:

1. Emergency interconnection with Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSO): Other entities will include the CDPHE and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The interconnection would be subject to an intergovernmental agreement (IGA).
2. A proposed second water storage tank at 744 Forest View Way. The town staff will consult with the El Paso County Planning Commission staff for a preview meeting and for a 1041 permit. An artist's rendering has been made.
3. The treatment plan for radium in Well 9: The recommended plan will use an HMO process to come back into compliance with state requirements, using the loan application that the trustees just approved.
4. Water reuse plant: Town staff is working with WWSO and their engineers. It's a much bigger project than the emergency connection.

He said consultant Forsgren Associates water engineer Will Koger would present more detail on all three of

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