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into open session at 7:15 p.m., no announcement was made nor vote taken.

Mayor and mayor pro-tem will keep their roles
Resident Nancy Swearingin asked about the “huge elephant in the room” regarding what had happened in meetings last month where Trustees Medlicott and Coopman made motions to move the mayor and mayor pro-tem back to their trustee positions and replace them with Trustees Dennis Murphy and Jeff Bornstein. “I don’t think there has been any clarification or finality... no resolution made in public record,” Swearingin said.

Wilson said he thought clarifying the result was important for transparency to the community, and Trustee Kelly Elliott agreed. Shupp said, “We can close it by simply stating that they are in their positions and will remain in their positions.” See <http://www.ocn.me/v16n12>.

<http://www.ocn.me/v16n12.htm#mbot1107> and www.ocn.me/v16n12.htm#mbot1121.

2017 budget, appropriations, and property tax mill levy approved

Town Treasurer Pamela Smith presented an ordinance for adopting the town’s 2017 budget and one for appropriating the associated funds. Smith also presented a resolution for the trustees to certify the town’s property tax mill levy to the county assessor so they can collect property taxes for 2017. It was calculated at 6.289 mills to comply with TABOR for the allowable dollar amount for 2017. The trustees unanimously approved the reso-

lution. No members of the public spoke with respect to any of the ordinances.

Smith said the final version included changes from the public budget workshops held this fall. Town Manager Chris Lowe said the town always “budgets to zero,” so any money left over would be allocated to a specific reserve fund.

Note: Below is OCN’s attempt to summarize the 91-page budget. For details, contact Smith or see pages 64-155 of the Dec. 5 Board of Trustees packet at <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com>.

Smith’s statements regarding the general fund included:
• Total expenditures – \$6.3

million
• Total general fund revenues – \$8.4 million

• Sales tax revenue represented 58 percent of revenue.



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