

Note: Both the letter from Monument Sanitation District on behalf of the JUC and the response from Lowe were distributed at the April 11 JUC meeting and

discussed in the TLWWTF JUC article in www.ocn.me/v17n5.htm#tlwtfjuc.

Tharnish said the March 20 letter was an invitation for himself and Lowe to go to the Monument Sanitation District (MSD) meeting, “and you saw Chris’ response, that we are not ready to discuss detailed information at this time.”

Triview will be billed for road plowing done by town

The trustees and staff had a very animated discussion about Triview Metropolitan District’s “lack of responsiveness,” as Elliott called it, to the town’s emergency requests for more snowplowing in Triview during the April 30 storm. Public Works Director Tharnish said that the town had finally sent out its own plows to help deal with icy roads in Triview, which is supposed to do its own plowing.

Police Chief Jake Shirk said he had also sent a letter to Triview District Manager Valerie Remington telling her that the lack of plowing was a “serious, serious safety issue that cannot continue or there will be repercussions!”

Bornstein said, “We did not see head nor tail of them in our part of the town (that night). Should the town get paid for doing their job for them?” Mayor Jeff Kaiser said the town could send Triview a bill, and Shupp said that was true, but, “whether they will pay it is another thing.” Smith said Tharnish’s tracking in-

dedicated Triview should receive a bill for \$246 for personnel, equipment, and material.

Department reports included in the board packet again

The town manager’s report will now be included in the trustees’ packet (which is also available to the public) instead of sending it to just the trustees in the Friday night highlights. It will include reports from department heads. The May 1 reports included:

- 25 car break-ins have occurred over the last few weeks.
- Cemetery improvements continue.
- New stop signs and cross walk at Mitchell Avenue and Second Street.
- Section of Fourth Street removed.
- Preparing to install dock at Monument Lake.
- Well 3 and 9 radium removal project is proceeding.
- In various phases of development approval process: Jackson Creek Senior Living, Jackson Creek Townhomes, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pilot Travel Center, Sanctuary Pointe Phase 2.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Monument Board of Trustees, May 15

Attorney recognized; four applicants for Planning Commission interviewed

By Lisa Hatfield

On May 15, the Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) met four applicants for the Planning Commission, approved a contract that would put Well 4/5 back in service again, and discussed a proposal to move the Public Works facility.

Mayor Pro-Tem Don Wilson and Trustees Kelly Elliott and Shea Medlicott were absent.

Attorney Gary Shupp recognized
Town Manager Chris Lowe recognized Gary Shupp, who has been the town attorney for the last 18 years, “and has forgotten more law that I ever learned in law school.” Lowe thanked him for his many years of public service and hoped that Shupp would remain part of the town as the prosecutor for municipal court after he leaves the town attorney position in August.

Four Planning Commission applicants interviewed

Principal Planner Larry Manning presented the BOT with four applicants for one regular and two alternate positions on the Monument Planning Commission. Two of the candidates mentioned that they had applied for vacant positions in November. The applicants’ comments included:

- Melanie Strop – The municipalities and zoning around here drives me nuts. There is no cohesion between municipalities. I want effective, smart growth.
- Kevin Geisberg – I understand bureaucracy and can contribute perspective. We need managed growth for business and infrastructure plus managed expansion of communities.
- Ken Kimple – We have to meet peoples’ needs and desires for small-town atmosphere and meet needs of small businesses so they can hire from within the community.



Above: On May 15, Town Manager Chris Lowe, left, recognized Town Attorney Gary Shupp for his many years of public service and his “steady and sage advice.” Mayor Jeff Kaiser said he was a man of honor and integrity and had given great advice to the town in the 18 years he has been here. This month, Shupp tendered his resignation as of Aug. 1. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

- Danny Ours – The only preconceived idea I have is to be alert to the balance between businesses’ and cities’ need for revenue and decent enjoyment of homeowners and their property values.

The trustees were impressed with all four candidates and were aware of how hard it is to find volunteers, so they did not want to eliminate any of them. After consulting with Shupp, Lowe, and Manning, the trustees opted to replace one of the current commissioners with so many years of experience and dedicated service to the community and to direct staff to research how to amend the bylaws for the Planning Commission to add a third alternate so that any other current commissioner now felt free to move on, since other people had now stepped forward to serve the community. Kaiser said, “I

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