

to the west and connect it to Gleneagle Drive now, instead of down the road, so that Kingswood Drive would not be used as an egress for the development at all. See www.ocn.me/v18n2.htm#road.

Gleneagle Drive currently extends north through Promontory Pointe but terminates at its northern boundary; it will eventually connect with Higby Road, Town Planner Jennifer Jones said. North of Promontory Pointe is Home Place Ranch, an undeveloped property whose owners are being represented by Goodwin Knight LLC. The extensions of both Gleneagle Drive and Sanctuary Rim Drive would go through Home Place Ranch. Bryan Kniep, Goodwin Knight director of planning, supported the project to extend the roads and said they remained committed to working closely with Classic Homes. Jones confirmed that "it took a long time to get here," but that Goodwin Knight, the new owners of Home Place Ranch, had agreed to either build the connection to Gleneagle Drive or to grant an easement for Classic Homes to build it if they "get there first."

During the public hearing (see photo on page 27), Kingswood resident Mike Wermuth was obviously relieved at this change of plans, and he said, "Tonight is a major milestone" in a process that started in 2006 when the area was annexed and the sketch plan was approved. Triview Metropolitan District Board President Reid Bolander said it sounded like Classic Homes had come up with a pretty accommodating agreement.

Tom Olson, a resident of Promontory Pointe, spoke in opposition, since he was told when he bought his home that Gleneagle Drive would not be a through street but now speeding traffic would be multiplied.

Trustees Greg Coopman and Dennis Murphy and Mayor Jeff Kaiser all thanked Classic Homes and applauded the collaboration resulting in the win-win for both groups. As a condition of approval for the BOT, Classic asked to be able to pull 40 building permits for subphase C homes prior to completing the road extension. The trustees agreed to this condition and unanimously approved the ordinance.

Village Center Metro District amended service plan approved

Village Center Metro District (VCMD) met recently with Trustees Shea Medicott and Kelly Elliott to finalize amendments to the service plan for the district, and to construct an intergovernmental agreement (IGA).

Note: Because of changes to VCMD's zoning in 2014 from commercial to residential, its property tax revenue was reduced by a factor of four (29 percent to 7 percent). The current mill levy is wholly used to pay off debt totaling \$8 million, leaving VCMD no money for road maintenance or snow removal.

The two groups agreed to change the service plan and create an IGA in which:

- The mill levy on residents will increase from 35 to 50 mills, setting a debt mill levy cap at 35 mills.
- The Town of Monument will take over snow removal for all roads in VCMD and maintain roads in Filings 1 and 2 only, for the next 10 years.
- VCMD will pay 50 percent of the maintenance costs, or \$26,500 annually, to the town for 10 years.
- VCMD and Monument Public Works will update the trustees every two years on roads maintenance.
- The town will meet with VCMD every two years to review costs and spending.
- The service plan will be reviewed in 2028 by the BOT to see if the financial situation of VCMD has changed.

The resolution to amend the VCMD service plan and create the IGA was approved unanimously by the trustees and was accompanied by cheers from Village Center residents at the meeting.

BOT code of conduct

The BOT unanimously approved a resolution spelling out a code of conduct for members of the board to follow. The document discusses the general scope of authority, personal conduct, information sharing among trustees and town staff, and consequences for violation of this code. The trustees have been discussing, and in some cases arguing over, the creation of this document since 2016, when the current board was seated.

Trustee Shea Medicott was glad to get this document finalized in time for the new board that will be seated in April.

This was the last meeting for Trustee Dennis Murphy, who has been asking for "equality of information" for all the trustees for several years, and he said even with this code, accountability has not been

achieved. He said it was not in the best interest of the board for any individual trustees to have regular one-on-one meetings with the town manager or the directors. "We should all get the same information at the same time." Trustee Greg Coopman echoed Murphy's sentiment.

Trustee Kelly Elliott countered that sometimes it was necessary to ask questions of town staff about board packet items in order to prepare for a board meeting, saying, "I'm all about transparency but not micromanagement."

The consensus was that the incoming board would create a more detailed rules and procedures document pertaining to communication issues after the April elections.

Murphy says farewell

Murphy said it was a great privilege to serve on the board for the last two years. He said, "I want to make it clear to those who think I am disgruntled, everybody is trying to do what they believe is right, even if I don't agree with them." He encouraged the community to continue its involvement in board meetings. "Don't back off! Show up at these meetings. Make sure the board hears what you think."

Board of Adjustment appointments

Jones also asked the board to appoint three new members to the Board of Adjustments. Planning Commissioner Kenneth Kimple and residents Christopher Wilhelmi and Michael DeMarco will serve on the board, joining current appointed member Trustee Jeff Bornstein, but more applications are needed to fill one more vacancy. If you are interested in the position, please see <https://townofmonument.org/265/Board-of-Adjustment> for more information.

Initial annexation discussion of Willow Springs area

Jones brought a petition regarding possible annexation of Willow Springs No. 1 and No. 2 to the board as preparation for due process. Willow Springs is 224 acres north of Baptist Road/Forest Lakes Drive, west of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad.

The trustees voted unanimously to approve the resolution to hold the eligibility hearing for the property on May 7, but a vote on actual annexation would not occur until after that date.

Public comments

Jen Owens raised concerns about how the Monument Police Department will support all of the population growth happening within the town limits. She said often there is just one officer on duty, "with no backup for miles."

Checks over \$5,000

The BOT approved the consent agenda unanimously.

It included the following checks over \$5,000:

- Triview Metro District sales, motor vehicle and regional building use tax - \$158,885
- Space Farmer Productions, outdoor movie night equipment for movie nights - \$15,345
- Forsgren Associates, Monument-DWC drainage RPT assessment - \$6,503
- Forsgren Associates, Monument wells 4 and 5 treatment plant - \$6,652
- Velocity Construction Inc., Wells 4 and 5 upgrade - \$20,074, remaining budget \$900,261
- Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority, annual dues, operation and maintenance, member share - \$7,396

Upcoming events in Monument

The town manager's report included in the board packet reminded people that summer event planning is under way in the town. Upcoming special events will include:

- Great American Cleanup, April 21
- Memorial Day Ceremony, May 28
- Movie nights, June - August
- Fourth of July Parade and Street Fair, July 4
- Pickin' on the Divide, Aug. 18

For details, see www.townofmonument.org/132/Community-Events or write to Community Relations Coordinator Madeline VanDenHoek at mvandenhoek@tomgov.org.

Also, several community development activities are in the works, including "Telling the Monument Story"—an event to gather stories from longtime residents, collect ideas about creating a vision for historic downtown, and more.

National Libraries Week

Drew Hart of the Monument Branch Library said that National Libraries Week is April 8-14. The American Library Association sponsors the event annually as a way to promote library use.

The April 2 meeting was canceled, and the next regular BOT meeting is scheduled for April 16. The BOT usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. Call 884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for the BOT or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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Election Results

Unofficial results as of April 3

The unofficial results for Palmer Lake were sent to OCN by Palmer Lake Town Clerk Verla Bruner.

Town of Monument

Mayor (One open position for a four-year term)

Don Wilson 794
Jeff Bornstein 462

Trustees (Three open positions for four-year terms)

Laurie Clark 786
Kelly Elliott 686
Ron Stephens 666
Jeff Lampman 601
Shea Medicott 584

Monument has 5,583 registered voters, and 1,268 ballots were received. Monument Town Clerk Laura Hogan said official results will be available after the completion of the canvass on April 12, allowing for the counting of additional qualified ballots under CRS 31-10-102.8 and 31-10-910.3.

Town of Palmer Lake

Mayor (One open position for a two-year term)

John Cressman 205
Alexander Farr 109
Ken Dickinson 78

Trustees (Four open positions for four-year terms)

Gary Faust 247
Glant Havenar 222
Mitchell Davis 218
Bob Mutu 212
Mike Elliot (withdrew from the race) 157
Lawrence Nagle 139

Ballot issue: Commencing in 2020, shall the town regular election date be changed from the first Tuesday in April each even-numbered year to the Tuesday on which the general statewide election is held in November of each even-numbered year to allow the town to save election costs and participate in elections coordinated by the county?

Yes 368
No 19

Palmer Lake Town Council, March 8

Council raises water fees

By James Howald

The Palmer Lake Town Council voted March 8 to raise water fees to meet a requirement imposed by the financing for the town's second water tank. The council heard requests from the Awake the Lake committee for assistance with insurance costs and for approval of a junior home run derby event. A representative of the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department updated the council on changes to the building codes being

made at the county level. The council also discussed changes to the town's codes concerning recreational vehicle parking and storage, and firearms.

Water bills to rise \$6.25 per month

Town Administrator Cathy Green-Sinnard told the council that the lender who is financing the town's second water tank requires proof that the town can cover 110 percent of the loan payment. At current rates, the town can only cover 101 percent of the pay-