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designed to ease future district sewer line cleaning. The new hotel and Starbucks will be completed within 30 days of this meeting, Petersen said.

The Struthers Road-Gleneagle Drive roundabout is still scheduled to be completed during this construction season.

Manager's report

Petersen, who is also the president of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority, said the authority had taken a position against proposed state Senate Bill 18-167, which would require Donala to hand over all the "locates" it now performs for its own underground utilities prior to underground construction to the state's Colorado 811 System and

pay the 811 system a new and substantial fee. Petersen said Donala will always do a better job than the state in locating its own underground infrastructure. (See <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb18-167>)

Petersen said the fact that the loss of statewide funding from the state oil and gas tax severance fund may not apply to state invasive species inspection program funding of boats for zebra mussels was discussed at the Arkansas River Basin Roundtable meeting during the annual Arkansas River Forum in La Junta. State House Bill 18-1008 proposes a permanent funding source for Colorado's state zebra mussel inspections. See www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/aquatics/zebramussel.shtml, <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb18-1008>, and www.arbwf.org

Petersen noted that he is a member of the steering committee for the advisory El Paso County Water Master Plan development process. He said this committee has met twice and is currently focusing on data collection. Several engineering firms have been retained to conduct the preliminary stage of water and land use policy development of this advisory plan.

Financial report

In the financial report, Petersen noted that the majority of consulting engineer fees from GMS Inc. for the Donala inspections of the new off-site work for the commercial construction between Struthers Road and I-25 at the Gleneagle Drive intersection were occurring at the start of 2018. To help offset this GMS expense, the Donala staff will perform

the inspections for the Gleneagle Drive water main replacement construction. All other district water and wastewater expenses and revenues are on track as planned for the first quarter, he said.

The quarterly Chandler Asset Management district investment report showed investment returns of over 2 percent for the district's general fund capital preserving investments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on May 17 in the district conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. Information: 488-3603 or www.donala-water.org. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month.

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Monument Board of Trustees, April 16

New mayor, trustees, and police officer sworn in; downtown revitalization plan outlined

By Allison Robenstein

During the April 16 Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting, the newly elected members—Trustees Laurie Clark and Ron Stephens and Mayor Don Wilson—were sworn in, and Kelly Elliott was voted mayor pro tem. The board also heard a presentation about downtown revitalization and approved a zoning change. The April 2 meeting was cancelled due to elections.

Trustee Shea Medlicott was excused.

Swearing in board members, mayor, and police officer

Outgoing Mayor Jeff Kaiser thanked the citizens for letting him serve the community, and he congratulated the newly elected trustees. He said he was confident in new Mayor Don Wilson's leadership, and he recognized the town staff and employees as the best in Colorado. He singled out Town Treasurer and acting Town Manager Pamela Smith for her level of commitment to her work in the town. Finally, Kaiser thanked his family and wife.

New trustees Stephens and Clark were sworn in at the beginning of the meeting, as was Trustee Elliott, who was re-elected to her board position. Town Clerk Laura Hogan then read the oath of office to new Mayor Wilson. Wilson's first order of business was to encourage trustees to be more involved in the community.

Without discussion, the new board voted 4-2 by a paper ballot to elect Elliott as mayor pro tem. She said she would be delighted to fulfill this position to perform the duties of mayor when necessary.

Town Attorney Alicia Corley explained that because Wilson was elected mayor, his trustee seat was vacant. State statute grants the board the power to fill the vacancy by appointment or by ordering an election.

The board discussed possible options to fill the position, including holding a special election. But after a discussion with Corley and Smith, the consensus was that the BOT would solicit letters of intent and hold interviews at the May 7 meeting.

The trustees then voted unanimously to delay a resolution to swear in the town attorney, treasurer, and clerk until the May 7 meeting so that new BOT members could come up to speed on the process. Note: CRS § 31-4-304 imposes a 30-day deadline after the April 3 election for appointed officers of the town, including the clerk, treasurer, and town attorney, to be re-appointed.

The newest Monument police officer, Zachery Burns, was sworn into office by Chief Jacob Shirk, who said Burns was a good fit because he has the personality and skills to be a police officer. Officer Burns' wife, Andrea, stood by him as he took the oath of office, and other family members sat in the audience.

Election judge recognition

Town Clerk Hogan and the BOT acknowledged election judges Jackie Burhans, Viola Hale, John Howe, Donald C. Nichols, and Sharon Tymes. Hogan thanked them for the 25 hours spent verifying signatures and counting ballots. Howe, the only election judge present, also thanked Hogan for her assistance with the election, saying it ran very well.

Trustee Greg Coopman remarked that he wished voter turnout had been higher than the 22 percent of voters who mailed in ballots, but praised the town clerk, attorney, and treasurer for a job well done.

Downtown Monument revitalization

Katherine Correll, executive director of Downtown Colorado Inc., presented an update on a downtown Monument revitalization project started in November 2017. The project is a continuing collaboration with local representatives from the town, chamber, small and large businesses and other participants to build a stronger community and economic development program. The revitalization strategy has four parts:

- Branding, or developing Monument's uniqueness through community engagement to tell the town's history and story. Correll said based on surveys, some people don't know there is a downtown.
- Organizational development to retain and expand local business and develop marketing campaigns to bring more people to downtown.
- Placemaking recalls ways to capitalize on community assets, inspiration, and potential to create spaces that promote health, happiness, and wellbeing.
- Wayfinding will focus on ways to attract people to downtown and recreational amenities using clear signage to help visitors find local trailheads, for example.

Correll suggested the downtown is "the living room of our community" and should be made to feel as such. Other comments included:



Above: Chief Jacob Shirk administered the oath of office to the Town of Monument's newest police officer, Zachery Burns. His wife, Andrea, stood with him, and others in his family watched from the gallery. Photo by Allison Robenstein.

- Haley Chapin, executive director of Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC), is working on a community-wide scavenger hunt to promote TLC and make more young people aware of TLC's purpose and mission.
- Several pop up events are planned to bring more people downtown. Jennifer Cunningham told the board that eight Monument-based businesses were selected by the public as The Best of the Springs, including Horseshoe Donuts, Gallery 132, Bella Art and Frame, Wirewood Station, Pikes Peak Brewing Co., U.S. Taekwondo Center, Bob's Discount Mattresses, and Back East Bar and Grill.

Zone change to former Little Sprouts Learning Center property

Principal Planner Larry Manning presented a resolution to rezone the former Little Sprouts Learning Center property at 77 Third St. from R-1, Single Family Low Density, to B, General Business District, to make downtown business uses allowable, which would make the property easier to sell. The building has been used as a church and a child care building, and it was never used as a residence, Manning said.

The Monument Planning Commission unanimously approved the change at its March 14 meeting. Terri Hayes, president and CEO of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corp., and Visitor Center spoke in favor of the resolution, stating the existing building is obviously for commercial use versus a residential building. Hayes felt a business at this location could be the critical anchor to other existing shops and could encourage in-fill in a vacant lot across

Third Street on Washington Avenue.

Checks over \$5,000

- Triview Metro District not to exceed \$148,216. Included are the February 2018 sales tax, Motor Vehicle Sales Tax for March 2018, and March Regional Building Use Tax
- AECOM Technical Services, \$5,728 for Beacon Lite Road walk improvements
- CIRSA Insurance for \$24,985 for worker's comp insurance for the second quarter of 2018
- CIRSA Insurance for \$29,951 for liability insurance for the second quarter of 2018
- Lexipol LLC for \$5,108 for Police Department annual bill
- Tri-Lakes Views for \$5,000 annual MOU payment
- Velocity Constructors for \$128,267 for contractor's application payment 2 for Wells 4 and 5
- Rocky Mountain Climate Heating and Cooling for \$6,403 to replace existing heating and cooling system at Town Hall.

Public comments

During public comments:

- Chapin invited the community to the Taste of Tri-Lakes Benefit on Wednesday, May 9 at Flying Horse Ranch, Larkspur. The night will be set up like an episode of Food Network's Chopped series in which chefs from local restaurants receive a basket of items with which to make a meal. In this case, the baskets will be filled with items from the TLC pantry that are available to their clients on a regular basis. TLC is a community-based, volunteer-supported resource center. For ticket and spon-