



ing four separate votes of approval. Finally, four resolutions for the appointment of staff were included. This was a change from the May 7 meeting, where three positions were listed within one resolution, and the town manager was not included.

Mayor Don Wilson opened the May 16 meeting as required by the Colorado Sunshine Law for public meetings. On Town Attorney Alicia Corley's advice, he quickly adjourned because a quorum wasn't present to make decisions. After the meeting, the three trustees apologized to the staff for the behavior of the three absent members. Town citizens harshly criticized the absent trustees during an informal comments time. Some citizens suggested a recall election. The employment status of Smith, Corley, and Hogan was never clarified. See May 16 photo above and related Board of Trustees article on page 6.

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Above: Trustee Ron Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Elliott, and Mayor Don Wilson attended the May 16 Monument Board of Trustees special meeting called to approve town staff appointments that were not done May 7, but the meeting could not take any action without a quorum. During the informal comments time that followed, none of the three trustees present knew why the absent members were acting in this manner. All said this personal vendetta is causing undue

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stress and employee angst, and they apologized to staff for the political move. Treasurer and acting Town Manager Pamela Smith read a portion of an email from Trustee Greg Coopman stating his thoughts that the town treasurer, clerk, and attorney can continue to be employed with the town until successors are appointed and that the three should still report to work the day after the special meeting. *Photo by Allison Robenstein*

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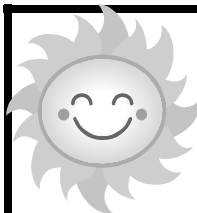


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