

change. See related Aug. 20 Monument Board of Trustees article on page 12.

Hysell later asked the board why it couldn't pass this audit and why it didn't give explanations for its no votes, and wondered how the town will pay staff and police officers without taxes. "Come on guys. If you legitimately have questions, fine... But if you are going to be a trustee, find time to look at the board packet before the meeting."

Financial report and checks over \$5,000

Smith presented the 2018 second-quarter financial report to the board. Previously, when Chris Lowe was town manager, he included it in the consent agenda. Smith said:

- General Fund revenue through June was \$3.04 million.
- 2A Water Fund ASD revenue through June 2018 was \$285,426.
- Water Enterprise Fund revenue through June was \$1.28 million.

She said both the General Fund and Water Enterprise Fund were ahead on revenues, and expenses were less than budgeted, since many specific 2018 capital funds project have not yet started.

Trustee Ron Stephens asked if there would be a shortfall in the budget later in the year once all the capital projects were complete. Smith said likely not.

Clark asked detailed questions about checks over \$5,000 that were approved by the board earlier as part of the consent agenda.

Clark and Coopman asked Smith to include more specifics on invoices in future board packets. Coopman asked for a list of the various accounts and to which department they belong so that they can associate these to the invoices as well.

The motion to approve the second-quarter financial report passed 4-1. Clark voted no with no reason stated.

The following checks were approved in the consent agenda:

- Westar Masonry—repair of Monument entry sign, \$8,500.
- Logan and Associates—2017 financial audit preparation, \$6,800.
- Civic Plus—website annual renewal, \$5,988.
- Common Knowledge Technology—server and hardware, \$14,264.
- Velocity Constructors—Wells 4 and 5 (should be reimbursed by capital financing), \$261,599.
- Applied Ingenuity—Well 7 rebuild, \$86,129.

Key Bank approved as lender

Smith asked the board to ratify a lender to finance two capital improvement projects—Wells 4 and 5 water treatment plan upgrade and the booster pump station upgrade. Specifically, she asked the board to designate Key Bank as the town's lender for a planned \$1.8 million loan.

The Well 4 and 5 upgrade project was unanimously approved in the board's Jan. 2 consent agenda. The contract was awarded to Velocity Constructors Inc. in the amount of \$924,436, with money coming from the Water Enterprise Fund. See www.ocn.me/v18n2.htm#mbo.

Coopman asked how these projects were budgeted. Smith said both were in the 2018 Capital Improvement Project Fund (CIP), which was funded by sales tax and CIP other financing for \$1.549 million.

Smith said if the town does not approve the loan (when she brings the board that resolution at the Aug. 20 meeting), they do not have the cash to pay for the Velocity contract signed in January.

Coopman asked about other capital projects and whether they would be

included here, but Smith clarified the \$1.8 million loan only covers the Well 4 and 5 upgrade project for \$924,436 and the booster upgrade project at a cost of \$625,000 and no other projects.

Because it's the end of summer, most of the other projects will not get done, said Smith.

According to the 2018 second-quarter document, there are four other proj-

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 Lewis-Palmer School District Hall of Fame Inductees for 2018

The Lewis-Palmer School District Hall of Fame Selection Committee is pleased to announce the inductees into the 2018 Hall of Fame:

D38 Benny Nasser — Community Volunteer
Tony Ramunno — Former High School Teacher and Coach
Reid Wiecks — Former Middle School Counselor and Coach

These people were selected from a sizable number of nominees who made substantial and lasting contributions to District 38. You are invited to the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and reception on Saturday, October 6, 2018, 2:00 p.m., at Lewis-Palmer High School.

On a great path...

LPSD Upcoming Events

- September 3: District Closed, Labor Day
- September 6: Home School Enrichment Academy First Day
- September 6: Elementary Schools' Back-to-School Nights
- September 14: LPHS Homecoming Football Game
- September 15: LPHS Homecoming Dance
- September 17: Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.
- September 21: PRHS Homecoming Football Game
- September 22: PRHS Homecoming Dance
- September 26: 2-Hour Delay PLC Day

Lewis-Palmer School District 38
Teacher Spotlight: Rebecca Balkenbush



Palmer Lake Elementary School fifth grade teacher Rebecca Balkenbush is a Colorado native and the wife of a United States Air Force pilot. The couple left their station in Texas for the Air Force Academy wanting to find a community with a small town feel. They discovered Palmer Lake during a drive along 105 while avoiding I-25 traffic. Immediately, they were hooked. Rebecca begins her second year at PLES this fall — she felt welcomed by the school and the town from the start.

Balkenbush loves teaching literature, opening new worlds for her students. She

is especially excited about the Writer's Workshop program at PLES. Students write for ten minutes every day with numerous choices for content. Then, they incorporate their writings into other subjects. She focuses on meeting the needs of her students so they have the tools to be confident and ready for their next twenty years. She takes risks with her lessons, trying to figure out what jobs will exist for her students, ones that may not exist now.

Last year, Rebecca had a student with a challenging home situation. She diligently

found ways to connect with this student throughout the year, and on the last day of school, the student left a letter on her desk thanking her for not giving up. Appreciation for her time and kindness were expressed, and the student stated that these memories would help in the future.

Rebecca loves the outdoors and would like to have a hiking club at PLES. She also enjoys traveling, mountain biking, and camping. Rebecca is terrified of grasshoppers and ended up having shoulder surgery after one got in her helmet while she was biking.