

cess point through to Sabre Creek after the July 25 Planning Commission meeting. During public comments, residents on the roadway said the easement isn't wide enough for vehicles to pass through since there is an electrical box in the center of it.

Trustee Laurie Clark was also concerned about evacuation, and asked "What would it take to have an emergency access" for these 55 and older to get out? Panza said all the trees and brush are to the east and north, so they will need to travel west, but there are no emergency exits in that direction.

Residents Ann Howe and Larry Adams said they wanted clarification on the Sabre Creek emergency access point, wondering aloud how people would get out and emergency vehicles could get in. Although Stuepfert initially said all four emergency accesses are rated for emergency equipment and they wouldn't let cars onto the accesses, he later said, "I guess there could be cars in an emergency situation."

Stuepfert said "If we could have connected to Sabre Creek ... once or twice, we would have." He said the easement is the best they could do and agreed the development really needs another access point in there.

Clark asked about French drains, which Panza said will be installed for all homes, but the homeowners will need to put in a sump pump if their property is flooded. She also wondered about water moving into the nearby development, to which Stuepfert said, "It's a pretty bad situation for sure," but confirmed they are working to fix the drainage issues.

Sabre Creek resident Bill Miller said, "These guys are in a pipe dream about this water," while resident Tim Boyle said they had received a 100-year rain five times since 2001.

Mayor Don Wilson said the plan failed due to lack of a motion.

Sanctuary Pointe platting approved

The board unanimously approved almost 28 acres, including 59 residential lots that range in size from 9,000 to over 30,000 square feet for Sanctuary Pointe. According to the conditions of approval for Phase 2, the connection from Sanctuary Rim Drive to Gleneagle Drive (Old Post Road or Ranch Point Road as it was intended in 2006) must be completed before 40 land use permits can be pulled through the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. Because there is no restriction on the number of lots that can be platted, the request was unanimously approved.

Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, Sept. 4 and 17

New board member selected

By Allison Robenstein

The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District (DWFPD) board held a special meeting Sept. 4 to select a new board member to fill the seat left open by Gary Rusnak when he moved out of the district. During the meeting on the 17th, Chief Vinny Burns presented the 2020 preliminary budget to the board, and they heard from the pension board. Board Chairman William "Bo" McAllister attended the special meeting via conference call on Sept. 4 and was absent for the meeting on the 17th. Director Larry Schwartz was excused from the special meeting. Assistant Chief Scott Ridings was excused for both meetings.

Board fills empty seat

During the board's special meeting on Sept. 4, Duane Garrett was selected from the pool of five candidates to fill

Public Works building design moving along

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish asked the board to approve a contract with D2C Architects to provide design suggestions for a new Public Works building. The board approved \$300,000 for designs this year, although the actual building has not yet been approved and the location has not been decided. Tonight, Tharnish asked the board to approve building on land owned by the town at the corner of Mitchell and Synthes Avenues that was purchased using 2A water fund money, which was established for the acquisition of water rights, storage, and delivery of any newly acquired water.

During the board's budget workshop held Sept. 9, Finance Director Bill Wengert said the town might be able to use Water Enterprise money to fund the new building, depending upon the ultimate purpose of the building. Coopman vehemently disagreed, saying he would question the legality of spending water-related money for this project. "I anticipated something like this would happen," said Coopman. To avoid a delay in the design of the building, the architect said this process wouldn't be land dependent, and could provide designs and costs without knowing the specific location of the building. The resolution was passed without site-specific language.

July financials good, thanks to leases

Wengert said the town's financials are in good shape overall. He said General Fund revenues are exceeding 2018 by \$526,000 year to date due to a number of fluctuations and the town receiving \$346,000 of equipment leases from NBH Banks.

General fund expenses for 2019 have increased 7% over last year due to personnel cost increases and increased spending in Public Works for salt/sand, fuel and hail-damage-related vehicle repairs.

Wengert said the Water Fund operating revenue is exceeding 2018 by 3% due to water tap fee increases associated with continuing development. However, operating expenditures have increased 4% due to increased utility costs and administrative fees, as well as repair and maintenance costs associated with water main break repairs.

Town manager's report

Town Manager Mike Foreman provided the board a lengthy bi-annual report in review of this year that included the following:

- The Finance Department has re-

structured the town's purchasing policy, including an approval form to document purchases, both to be approved at a later meeting. The department also wrote standard operating procedures, streamlined banking processes, and provided training to staff on general accounting.

The Police Department hired new officers Tim Johnson, Mark Knolmayer, Michael Sammarcelli, and Ryan Sebastian.

The I.T. department has been working to bring the Police Department up to Criminal Justice Information System compliance, an FBI-level security standard for law enforcement agencies.

The records manager is actively

2020 budget presented

The board reviewed a preliminary 2020 budget. Burns said the district should expect a significant increase in

- The records manager is actively

working to get sex offender registrations up to date.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 pm.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Oct. 7.

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