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The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monu-

ment Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Jan. 6. Call 719-884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and

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Forest Lakes Metropolitan District and Pinon Pines Metro Districts 1, 2, and 3, Dec. 9

2020 budgets and rate increases approved

By Natalie Barszcz

The 2020 budgets were among the many resolutions approved on Dec. 9 by the boards of Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD) and Pinon Pines Metropolitan Districts 1, 2, and 3 (PPMD 1, 2, 3). The board also approved the proposed water, wastewater, and landscaping and maintenance rate increases for 2020.

PPMD 1 budget for 2020

After opening the public hearing on the 2020 budget, District Manager Ann Nichols presented the final assessed values for the PPMD 1 budget, stating the following figures for the 2020 budget:

- Operation and management expenses for PPMD 1 will be levied a tax of 11.133 mills.
- The General Operating Fund stands at \$130,315 at the beginning of 2020.
- Capital and debt service will be levied a tax of 44.531 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within PPMD 1.
- The Debt Service Fund stands at \$465,087 at the beginning of 2020.
- \$115,800 will be pledged for the administration and management expenses of FLMD.

- \$5,500 is pledged for the audit, which will be conducted by Hoelting & Co. Inc. Nichols concluded by saying, "We expect to have a little in excess of \$60,000 to pay the debt service."

"All figures are final and other than that everything else is subject to change," said Nichols.

The board unanimously approved and adopted all resolutions presented, 4-0.

FLMD, PPMD 2, and PPMD 3 2020 budget and rate increases

Nichols said she was surprised there had been no rumblings on the proposed rate increases and even though the new rates would help reduce the deficit there would still be a slight deficit in 2020 and a further rate increase may be needed for the 2021 budget. Nichols also said,

"Landscaping costs need to be reduced." Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Douglas Stimple, CEO of Classic Homes, said in agreement, "Water usage could now be limited on landscaping, since it is well established." To view the rate increases, see www.ocn.me/v19n12.htm#flmd and visit www.forest-lakesmetrodistrict.com.

Nichols also stated that administration expenses for FLMD had a

\$132,000 deficit, which has been reduced to \$23,000 after pulling money from property tax revenues. Nichols estimates that the Public Improvement Fee from the Pilot Station in PPMD 3 will generate \$240,000 in revenue. The board unanimously approved and accepted the rate increases and all resolutions for the 2020 budget as presented, 4-0.

Board election and attorney update

District Counsel Russell W. Dykstra gave the following updates for 2020:

- The state now mandates new requirements for the posting of special district public meetings, requiring only a 24-hour notice in advance on the district website. In case of circumstances that prevent the use of the website, notices for public meetings will be onsite on Tract C, Forest Lakes Filing 1, 3625 Mesa Top Drive, and at the mail kiosk in Tract E, Forest Lakes Filing 1, on Forest Lakes Drive.
- The 2020 election resolution requires the board to call the election and nominate an election official for the May 5, 2020 board member elections. Nominations are due by the end of February. The election will be a mail-in ballot and cost about \$8,000.

Self-nomination forms to be a candidate for district board member in PPMD 1, FLMD and PPMD 2 and 3, may be obtained from:

Becky Johnson, Paralegal
Spencer Fane
1700 Lincoln St., Suite 3800
Denver, Colorado 80203
303-839-3912
303-839-3838 (fax)
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All self-nomination forms should be returned to Becky Johnson at the address listed above.

Meeting time review

Property Manager Tom Blunk, attending via phone, asked if the time could revert back to 10 a.m. for future board meetings. PPMD 1 Director Mike Hitchcock said most HOA meetings are conducted at 6 p.m. Stimple said we should wait until the new location in Flying Horse is established in March to determine if the residents will attend more frequently before changing the meeting time.

Dog waste receptacles

PPMD 1 Director Mike Slavic requested moving a dog waste station on the south end of the park to a location closer to the mail kiosk area, since the distance from the park to the mailbox had no dog waste station. Secretary James Boulton, vice president/project manager of Classic Homes, responded, "Rather than move the existing station, we could add a further two dog waste stations to fill in the gaps." The FLMD board unanimously agreed to have All American Ground Maintenance install the additional dog waste stations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

PPMD 1 meetings, followed by joint meetings of FLMD and PPMD 2 and 3, are typically scheduled once a quarter at 4 p.m. The location of the next meeting is subject to change. Official meeting notices are posted on the district website at www.forestlakesmetrodistrict.com. For general questions, contact Ann Nichols at (719) 327-5810 or at anicholsduffy@aol.com.

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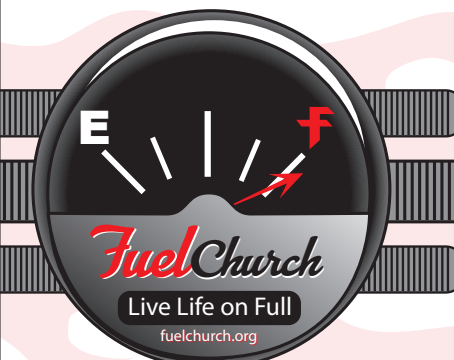
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