

use of the trail, the desires of local residents, and the need for emergency vehicles to use Old Carriage Road to reach homes in the Glen, among other issues.

At the Oct. 8 meeting, the board examined a design by the town's administrative staff that would provide 23 parking spaces and one handicapped parking space on Old Carriage Road near the trailhead. The design provides 10 parking spaces on the north side of Old Carriage Road and 13 spaces plus one handicapped space on the south side. All spaces are 25 feet long, large enough to accommodate a large pickup truck.

Parks Commission member Reid Wiecks compared the town's situation with parking at the trailhead to Manitou Springs' situation with parking for the Incline, pointing out that Manitou Springs uses a reservation system and a shuttle bus to the Incline trailhead. Trustee Paul Banta said he was not in favor of a shuttle bus in Palmer Lake, arguing that it would not be consistent with keeping Palmer Lake a small, quiet town.

In discussions at previous meetings, the board has debated whether the parking at the trailhead should be restricted to town residents only, or open to visitors as well. At the Oct. 8 meeting, Wiecks said parking should be open to all and could be a source of revenue for the town.

Trustee Susan Miner, who has been working on the town's Master Plan, said residents of the Glen might want the parking at the trailhead re-

stricted to residents only, and in that case the Planning Commission should incorporate that into its decisions. She said the decision to keep the parking open to all might be challenged in the future.

The consensus of the board was to move forward with the design as it was presented.

### Ordinance governing chickens and goats discussed

At both October meetings, the ordinance governing chickens and goats received extensive discussion. The town's municipal code currently allows for goats on properties zoned Residential Agricultural (RA)—that zoning also specifies the properties must be at least five acres. Goats are not allowed within town limits. The code also limits the number of chickens to six per residence.

Trustee Glant Havenar spoke in favor of relaxing the restriction on goats and increasing the number of chickens allowed to 20. Havenar read a letter from resident Lindsey Leiker urging goats be allowed within the town boundaries since they make good pets, eat noxious weeds such as poison ivy, help with fire mitigation, and provide emotional support. Havenar said the events of 2020 had led her to place a higher value on self-sufficiency and said she wanted to rethink the number of acres required to keep goats.

Trustee Miner pointed out that goats don't bark.

Trustee Mark Schuler agreed with Havenar that keeping chickens helps the

town to be prepared for the unexpected, adding that he would like to see a "no nuisance" clause added to the updated ordinance.

At the Oct. 8 meeting, most of the trustees expressed support for allowing more chickens and goats, with the stipulation that the amount of square feet per goats needed to be defined.

At the Oct. 22 meeting, the issue reappeared on the agenda. Town Administrator Dawn Collins proposed that the annual charge of \$21 per chicken be removed from the updated ordinance, since it was never collected.

The issue of how much space to require for each chicken or goat came up for debate again, with many suggestions offered by trustees. In the end, the board elected to review the final draft of the ordinance at their next meeting and to make a final decision at that time.

### Ordinance vacating town right of way repealed

At a meeting in July, the board passed Ordinance 10-2020 vacating a town right of way, on the condition that the landowner remove the internal lot lines on their property so that only one residence would be built on the lot, instead of three residences.

The landowner decided not to remove the internal lot lines, invalidating the agreement with the town.

At the Oct. 22 meeting, the board unanimously passed Ordinance 15-2020, which repeals the previous ordinance and retains the town's right of way.

### Board hears updates on library ramp and Town Hall work

At the Oct. 8 meeting, Interim Town Manager Bob Radosevich told the board that he had received no bids on the construction of a new ramp at the library that would comply with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), because the construction companies wanted to see a design from which to bid.

At the Oct. 22 meeting Radosevich said he was working with a company to design the ramp so that the bidding process on construction could continue.

At the Oct. 8 meeting, Radosevich told the board he had received four bids for the project to temporarily shore up the collapsing north side of



**Above:** On Oct. 8, ahead of the Palmer Lake Board of Trustees meeting, the town held a flag-raising ceremony for newly purchased United States and Colorado state flags. Members of the Palmer Lake Fire Department and Palmer Lake Police Department participated along with Fire Chief Christopher McCarthy and Police Chief Jason Vanderpool. They marched with folded flags to the town flagpole and saluted while a police officer and a firefighter

raised the new flags. The ceremony was attended by town residents along with members of the Board of Trustees, who performed the Pledge of Allegiance to the new flags before entering Town Hall for the Board of Trustees meeting. Photos by James Howald.



the Town Hall. The bids ranged from \$7,260 to \$34,255. Asked by Havenar why the variation in bids was so large, Radosevich replied the difference was due to small companies competing with larger ones. Trustee Schuler said the temporary shoring up was needed due to the weight of snow on the building's roof, the shoring materials would be removed in the spring, and he expected insurance to pay for the work. Radosevich added that the insurance company would lean toward the low bid.

At the Oct. 22 meeting, Radosevich told the board that the company that submitted the low bid to shore up Town Hall had declined the job. The next lowest bid was for \$15,688, Radosevich said, and the company that submitted that bid had accepted the job.

The board voted unanimously to accept the bid.

### New deputy town clerk introduced

Julia Stambaugh, the new deputy town clerk, told the board that she had previously worked for the Colorado Springs Fire Department, beginning in 2000 in its training division. Four years later she moved to the finance office, where she worked for 16 years until her retirement. She told the board she had 30 years of accounting experience and that she hoped to apply that experience to the

town's administration. Stambaugh said she is married with three children and five grandchildren.

### Mayor authorized to sign Pikes Peak Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Radosevich told the board that in April, the county began to update its plan to address disasters such as wildfire, hail, flood, drought, winter storms, earthquake, landslide, extreme acts of violence, pandemic, or hazardous material spills. Radosevich said he reviewed the PPRMHMP with Palmer Lake's Police Department, Fire Department and Water Department, and then made minor edits to the document. The county wants a memo agreeing to the plan, and the board voted unanimously to authorize Cressman to sign such a memo.

### Collins asks board for direction on redesigning town's governing structure

At the Oct. 8 meeting, Collins asked the board for its approval to allow her to bring her experience with town administration to bear on the task of organizing the various departments, committees, and volunteer groups that govern the town. She said this work would affect the re-writing of the town's municipal code, which

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