

Palmer Lake Town Council, Jan. 9 and 23

New council member appointed to replace Faust

By James Howald and Jackie Burhans
The Palmer Lake Town Council (PLTC) started 2020 with new faces on the council and on the town's administrative team. The personnel changes also led to some different responsibilities for other council members.

The first resolution of the New Year came next on the agenda at the Jan. 9 meeting, followed by a resolution pronouncing the project to add a second water tank complete. At the same meeting, the PLTC voted to have the town address a drainage issue on Up-

per Glenway Road.

At the Jan. 23 meeting, the council heard a presentation from the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department (PPRBD) about changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) floodplain map and discussed the search for a new town clerk. The council also discussed how to hire a town clerk and a fire chief.

Susan Miner appointed to replace Faust

At the work session on Jan. 23, Susan

Miner was appointed to replace Gary Faust, who resigned from the Town Council at the Dec. 12 meeting.

According to Miner's resume, included in the board packet for the meeting, her work history includes years of facility, real estate, and project management work for Hewlett-Packard. She ran an interior design business in Palmer Lake from 1991 to 2006. Miner also served previously on the PLTC. Miner said she believed the town's zoning was the area where she would most like to see changes, because that is where residents can affect what will happen in their town. Miner argued that residents should be included in discussions about zoning issues.

Mayor John Cressman told the council there was one other applicant for the seat on the council, but that application was withdrawn.

The council voted unanimously to appoint Miner to the vacant seat, where she will serve until the next election in November 2020. Immediately after her appointment, Miner was sworn in and took her seat on the council.

The council also approved trustee Grant Havenar to replace Faust as a representative on the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments.

New administrators and interim town attorney join the team

At the Jan. 9 meeting, Cressman introduced temporary Town Clerk Judy Egbert, who will serve while the town seeks to hire a permanent replacement. Cressman introduced Interim

Town Attorney Matthew. Z. Krob, of Krob Law Office LLC, who replaces the town's previous law firm Widner and Juran, LLC.

Cressman also formally introduced the town's Interim Town Manager, Bob Radosevich, whose appointment was initially discussed in December. Radosevich is well-known to residents for his many years of service on the town's administrative team.

Resolutions address posting locations and water tank project

At the Jan. 9 meeting, the council passed two resolutions. The first designates the Palmer Lake Town office and the Palmer Lake Post Office as the official locations where notices of public meetings will be posted. Meeting notices will also be posted on the town's web page (<https://townofpalmerlake.com>).

The second resolution declares the completion of the town's project to add a second water tank to the town's infrastructure, removing a single point of failure for the town's water supply. Completion had been delayed by the need to address a leak attributed to incompletely cured concrete in the tank's construction. Radosevich told the council that declaring the project complete would mean final payment of \$199,156 would be due at the end of January. Town Council member Paul Banta asked if the cost would be passed onto residents in their water bills; Radosevich said the previous 7 percent increase in fees was passed to cover the costs of the tank construction.

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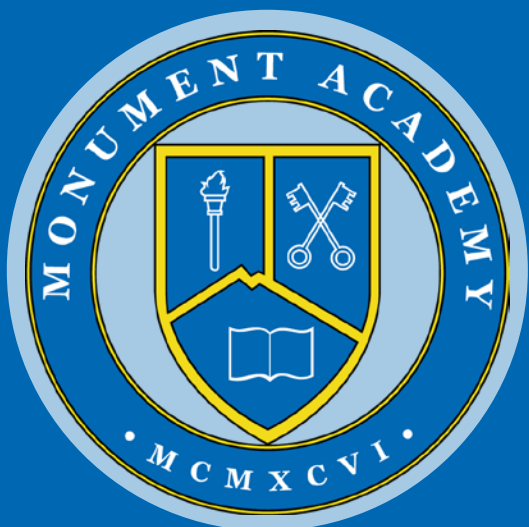
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