

This request was not approved by the board during its March 2 meeting when Bornstein abstained from voting, and Coopman and Clark voted against. Forsgren was the only company to bid the project.

Tonight, there were no questions from the board, and the request passed 5-0.

Contract awarded to Axon Enterprise for evidence management

Police Chief Sean Hemingway requested approval for a five-year support contract with Axon Enterprise Inc. The company provides all cameras and storage for data and evidence through its Evidence.com site. The sole-source request was approved, although no board

members asked how the five-year contract interferes with TABOR laws against multi-year contracts.

Public comments

During public comments, westside resident William Quimby said he was invited to speak by Clark, noting his wife has been suffering from complications due to breast cancer. He noted Clark had intended to give a presentation on the issue tonight and requested more information about the radium issue, perhaps implying it caused his wife's ailment. Will Kroger of Forsgren thanked the board for approving the water-related resolutions tonight.

Electronic signatures for ordinances

Town Manager Mike Foreman asked the board to approve the use of electronic consent when there is a state of emergency. Stephens was concerned about the confidence that the item was signed, and Foreman said they use DocuSign and will follow up with email confirmations.

Rivera confirmed many Colorado municipalities have approved similar resolutions.

Manager's report

Foreman noted the report format was updated to a more readable layout. The staff has been doing the following:

- Researched information about the benefits and

implications to change from statutory town to a home rule town.

- Submitted a site proposal to the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade for a global IT company that would like to locate in a Colorado community.
- Met with El Paso County, at the county's request, to discuss the possible annexation and future maintenance of Baptist Road and its westerly extension at Forest Lakes Drive.
- Performed a preliminary survey to gauge interest in the possibility of mov-

ing to a four-day work-week of 10-hour days.

The board went into executive session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss new town attorney compensation. The board decided to hire an in-house attorney after costs for Rivera as an outsourced legal counsel has become too costly. In 2019, the town spent \$72,200 over the projected legal counsel funding in the budget. See <https://ocn.me/v20n2.htm#mbot>.

Upon returning to open session, the board directed town staff to negotiate compensation and make an offer for a new town attorney.

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Monument Board of Trustees, April 20

Trustees sworn in; outgoing members shown appreciation

By Allison Robenstein

The Monument Board of Trustees' April 20 meeting began with Mayor Don Wilson thanking the outgoing trustees for their service on the board. Newly elected Trustee Mitch LaKind and incumbent Jim Romanello were sworn in for their four-year terms. The mayor pro tem and town manager positions were appointed during the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Elliott and Trustee Ron Stephens were in attendance remotely. Trustee Laurie Clark was absent.

Thanks to departing trustees

Trustees Jeffrey Bornstein and Greg Coopman were present at the beginning of the meeting when Wilson and Town Manager Mike Foreman thanked them for their years of service on the board. Coopman served one four-year term, and Bornstein served two four-year terms.

"It's been eight years, it's been wonderful having you onboard. You always demonstrated your ability to have the community as your first priority," said Wilson to Bornstein.

Coopman received similar accolades. Foreman said, "Trustee Coopman, I appreciate all the work and efforts you've put in.... Great working with you and given me some great ideas over the months and years."

Wilson added, "You started out even before you were an elected official putting the community first and looking out for the community, with your effort when we were struggling with the possible methadone clinic being here. When you joined the board, that continued. I don't think anyone will ever question your passion." Wilson said he and Coopman would disagree during board discussions, but that never spilled over into their personal conversations.

Coopman and Bornstein agreed it was an absolute pleasure to serve.

Oath of office for newly elected officials

LaKind, Romanello, and Jamy

Unruh were elected April 7. LaKind and Romanello took the oath of office. Jamy Unruh

and her husband were blessed with a child on Sunday, so she will be taking the oath formal-

ly at the next meeting. For full election results, see page 24.

Appointments approved unanimously

Kelly Elliott was appointed to

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