



Above: Carolyn Kovacs pins on the badge of office for TLMFPD's new Fire Chief Andy Kovacs after the swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 4 at Station 1. Board President John Hildebrandt administered the oath. Kovacs was the deputy fire chief for the Brighton Fire Rescue District in Colorado from 2019, and before that was with the Orange County Fire Authority in California for 29 years, where he was promoted through the ranks from firefighter/paramedic to division chief. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

for all of his hard work during 2020, getting things accomplished specific to EMS.

- Firefighter Matt Godson was nominated by Battalion Chief Kris Mola for organizing a two-day extrication class in October 2020.

Financial report

Treasurer Jason Buckingham presented the estimated end-of-year summary as of Dec. 31, 2020, including:

- Property taxes received for 2020 were \$9.09 million, representing 99% of the projected revenue of \$9.12 million.
- Specific Ownership Taxes received for 2020 were \$997,976, an overage of \$123,000 or about 14% above the

projected revenue.

- Ambulance revenues for 2020 were \$792,569. The projected revenue was \$800,000.
- Impact fees were \$158,508; \$8,508 or 5% over the expected revenue.

Expenses for 2020 were \$8.46 million of the \$9.34 million or 90.5% of the predicted annual budget. This resulted in a savings of \$882,019.

Overall, the revenue for the year 2020 was \$11.38 million. This was about \$51,000 more than anticipated in the projected 2020 budget.

Kovacs said he would take a look at the approved 2021 budget before the next regular board meeting to see where the surplus revenue should go in the 2021 budget.

The district made 23 electronic payments in December with three larger payments: \$77,776 for an engine payment, \$20,659 for new radio/light packages on three administrative vehicles, and \$8,389 for new fitness equipment. All were appropriate and within budget.

The board accepted the financial report as presented, 7-0.

Station 1 remodel

Kovacs said Division Chief of Logistics Dean Wahl has been meeting with D2C and Mark Young Construction every Friday, and groundbreaking for the Station 1 remodel is scheduled for May. *See www.ocn.me/v19n9.htm#tlmfpd.*

Wahl answered multiple questions from Secretary Mike Smaldino as follows:

- The plan has been dramatically revised due to TLMFPD's acquisition of 15 acres in 2020.
- The current budget is \$1.7 million, and he is trying to remain within that budget, however, an upgrade to the gas service is required.

Wildfire risk reduction

Kovacs said Division Chief of Community Risk Jamey Bumgarner has entered the 2020 community chipping project information into the International Asso-

ciation of Fire Chiefs database, and discussions have begun for the 2021 chipping season.

District resident Lisa Hatfield announced a free Wildfire Risk Reduction Program and encouraged individuals or neighborhoods who want to get organized and get custom advice on how to be more "firewise" to join the kick-off information meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27. For more information and the Zoom link, contact epg@tlumc.org or call 719-339-7831, or see the Special Events Calendar on page 31.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at TLMFPD Station 1, 18650 Highway 105. For information on Zoom meeting joining instructions and upcoming agendas, visit www.tlmfire.org/board or contact Director of Administration Jennifer Martin at 719-484-9011.

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It was unclear whether Clark was referring to general bidding for town projects or just those for public works water-related projects. The town approved nine engineering firms that are qualified to receive bids and do the work.

The last water project approved for the evening was for emergency work that has already taken place. Public Works crews realized Well 8 was having production flow issues. At the same time Well 7 had been taken out of service and Well 9 was shut down to fix radium issues. Town Manager Mike Foreman authorized emergency work to be done to replace a portion of the discharging pipe at Well 8. Applied Ingenuity LLC completed the work and received the unanimously approved payment of \$38,421.

**Planning Commissioner
Joshua Thomas reappointed**

The appointment for current Planning Commissioner Joshua Thomas expired at the end of 2020. The board reappointed him and appointed Ray Egley to the Board of Adjustments.

The Board of Adjustments (BOA) is a volunteer board that meets as needed to hear and rule on zoning regulation variances. The BOA should have one member of the BOT, but no one was appointed since Trustee Jeffrey Bornstein left office, creating a vacancy. The board directed Planner Debbie Flynn to appoint someone from the BOT to the BOA. Clark asked to be considered for the position. The application is at townofmonument.org.

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