

staff to review for further discussions about the town owning shares of an entire water delivery system that can reduce the existing pressure on a water system entirely dependent on non-renewable groundwater.

Barber then reviewed his continuing participation with former Monument Mayor Betty Konarski regarding town water rights through the Palmer Divide Water Group, the El Paso County Water Authority, and the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority. He also discussed the history of their participation in discussions on behalf of Monument regarding the Fountain Valley Authority pipeline, Reuter-Hess Reservoir, Spruce Mountain Ranch, Flaming Gorge Task Force, and Arkansas Basis Roundtable for the benefit of new board members. He noted that reuse of groundwater to extinction and access to renewable water are vital to reducing pressure on diminishing groundwater supplies, particularly during drought years.

Green asked the board to seriously consider Barber's proposal, noting that, like previous items Barber has brought to the board, it is complicated and requires study by the trustees. She said the next step would be for the town to provide a letter of interest to Two Rivers, which would not yet include a financial commitment. Barber added that signing the memorandum of understanding would be a "non-binding handshake" or "permission slip" to explore options for the town's benefit. Barber will provide the trustees a copy of his paper "Colorado Water Rights: No One Ever Said It Was Easy" which he uses to teach realtors about water rights.

Town Attorney Gary Shupp also recommended that the board sign the draft memorandum of understanding as presented so Barber can represent the town in future negotiations.

#### Financial report

The board unanimously approved four disbursements over \$5,000:

- \$168,092 to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for the town's Monument Lake dam loan
- \$365,598 to Wells Fargo Securities for the annual construction lease-purchase payment for Town Hall (payment six of 10)
- \$69,924 to John R. Hurley Asphalt for street repairs to Mount Herman Road and Old Denver Highway
- \$5,158 to I&C Design for field service work to upgrade the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) software for controlling automated operating systems in town water treatment plants

#### Town fireworks cash donation amount confirmed

During public comments, Gloria McCartan, vice president of the volunteer Palmer Lake Fireworks Committee, read a letter

formally requesting the town's annual 2012 "Budgeted Donation." The amount in the town's 2012 budget was \$5,000.

While the Fourth of July fireworks event was cancelled due to the Waldo Canyon Fire, she noted that the committee still had expenses for the year, observed that Monument's cash contribution has never been specifically "earmarked for any certain expenses," and thanked the board for considering her request.

Cathy Green replied that the town's donation was split 50-50 in cash and in-kind overtime payment for off-duty overtime crowd and traffic control services provided to the committee by members of the Monument Police Department. Green said McCartan's "letter would be used as an invoice" for a payment of \$2,500 rather than \$5,000 figure in the committee's letter. McCartan said the committee "understands" that the amount

that would be paid would be only \$2,500. The board concurred that the town would pay the committee \$2,500.

Trustee Becki Tooley noted that a marathon will also be held early on Sept. 3 between Palmer Lake and America the Beautiful Park along the Santa Fe Trail. This marathon will also provide qualification for runners who want to participate in the Boston Marathon. She encouraged residents to form a "cheer tunnel" for the participants between 7 and 7:30 a.m.


#### Three liquor licenses approved

The board unanimously approved a special event liquor license for a Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce beer and wine tent during the Monument Celebration Festival on Labor Day. The tent will be located at 171 Front St., in front of Limbach Park, and operated by Pinz Bowling Alley.

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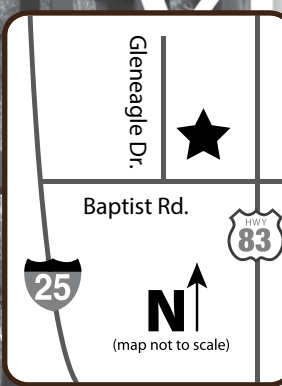


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