



Above: On Oct. 7, Mayor Travis Easton presented the Monument Citizen of the Year Award to business owner John Dominowski for constructing the town's new banner boards and improving the town's special event permit process. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

The board approved the site plan amendment by a 5-1-1 vote. Tooley voted "no" and Trustee Jeff Bornstein abstained, noting that he lives in Promontory Pointe.

Financial reports

The board unanimously approved the August financial report and four disbursements of

\$5,000 or more:

- \$17,943 to CIRSA Insurance for fourth-quarter worker's compensation insurance
- \$16,643 to CIRSA Insurance for fourth-quarter liability insurance
- \$5,000 to CIRSA Insurance to pay the deductible for provision of a legal opinion
- \$5,995 to Streetscapes for

downtown wayfinding signage

Public comments

Former Lewis-Palmer School District 38 board candidate Gordon Reichal made a lengthy statement about what he called false information about state standardized test scores in a letter to the editor from D-38 Treasurer John Mann in the Sept. 7 edition of *OCN*. Reichal said that a district report showed declining scores for Lewis-Palmer Middle School.

Mann's letter (www.ocn.me/v13n10.htm#mann) in the Oct. 5 edition had stated that a letter to the editor from Jody Richardson (www.ocn.me/v13n9.htm#richardson) that was in the Sept. 7 edition of *OCN* contained an inaccuracy regarding declining standardized state test scores in Lewis-Palmer Middle School.

D-38 Vice President Mark Pfoff then countered Reichal's statement about the district's data analysis by saying Reichal had not cited the report with the most recent year of data for the middle school. Pfoff stated that the newest edition of this series of reports shows an upward trend in the school's test scores last year.

The link in Mann's letter to the editor in the Sept 7 edition for the most recent report is: [https://edx.cde.state.co.us/SchoolView/](https://edx.cde.state.co.us/SchoolView/DataCenter/reports.aspx?_afWindowMode=0&_afLoop=13973192377438413&_adf.ctrl-state=17lf2ek1ay_9)

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D-38 constituents Hilary Brendemuhl and Ana Konduris presented their opinions on the D-38 mill levy override election.

Board of Trustees comments

Tooley thanked the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Terri Hayes for organizing the Monument in Motion Kinetic Sculpture Derby event. She also recommended attendance at Retro Scary Movie Nights at Monument Market Place on Thursday nights.

Trustee John Howe thanked the Public Works Department staff for work performed in Limbach Park and Dirty Woman Park.

Mayor Travis Easton thanked the board and staff for their attendance at the Tri-Lakes Economic Development Corp.

(<http://trilakesedc.com/>) meeting during the previous week. He also thanked Terri Hayes for her work for the Monument community. He said he was attending stormwater meetings between the staffs of El Paso County and Colorado Springs.

Staff reports

Shupp noted that the town has two lawsuits pending with support from its insurance company, the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (www.cirsa.org).

Smith noted that Triview has opted out of participating in the Regional Stormwater Taskforce being led by the Board of County Commissioners and the City of Colorado Springs. She read a card from a local citizen praising the work performed on public flower gardens by Town Gardener Sharon Williams.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Oct. 21

Officer Melikian sworn in

By Jim Kendrick

Officer Gregory Melikian was sworn in at the Oct. 21 Monument Board of Trustees meeting by Monument Police Chief Jacob Shirk. His new badge was pinned on by his wife Jenarae.

Mayor Travis Easton stated that Trustee Jeff Bornstein was out of town on business.

2014 preliminary budget presented

Town Treasurer Monica Harder and Town Manager Pamela Smith presented the preliminary 2014 budget to the board for its review and comment. They answered numerous questions about individual line items. Harder stated that a budget work-

shop will be held during the next regular meeting of the board at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 4.

Trustee Jeff Kaiser encouraged the public to attend this budget workshop. He asked if there had been any negative consequences from switching health insurance providers last year. Harder and Smith said there were

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