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to be directly land-applied as fertilizer on nearby agricultural fields. The amount of sludge removed this year was 346 dry tons versus the planned amount of 350 dry tons. The total cost for the year was \$126,709, which was \$116 under budget.

The total amount collected for tap fees so far this year was \$65,600. The amount budgeted as tap fee revenue in the 2013 budget was \$50,000.

The district had \$386,307 in total cash assets through Nov. 21.

Wicklund updated the board on his latest changes to the draft 2014 budget

to reflect the revenue bond matters noted above. The public hearing for the 2014 budget will be held at the next regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on Dec. 19 in the district conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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The next regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 19 in the district conference room, 130 Second St. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information: 481-4886.

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## Monument Board of Trustees, Nov. 4

# Code amendment on chickens placed on back burner

By Jim Kendrick

On Nov. 4, the Monument Board of Trustees had as much trouble as the Monument Planning Commission had on Aug. 14 reaching consensus on a zoning code amendment arising from an emerging desire from some citizens to keep chickens within the town boundaries. The town code livestock regulations did not cover chickens.

The Planning Commission tabled the chicken amendment and later approved it on Oct. 9. On Nov. 4 a motion to approve the staff's proposed amendment, with a reduction to the chicken permit fee, failed

by a 2-2 board vote. The trustees then continued the amendment hearing until the Nov. 18 board meeting to allow trustees to further consider the controversial change.

Trustees Jeff Bornstein, Rafael Dominguez, and Becki Tooley were absent. Mayor Travis Easton noted that Tooley had been in a traffic accident earlier that day with no injuries and that her absence was excused.

### Code amendment continued

Tom Kassawara, director of Development Services, stated that "this ordinance is a bunch of catch-up things that we've been trying to do for a while. It took two hearings at the Planning Commission because they had some questions about chickens." Before discussing the controversial chicken changes, he noted the other catch-up items for amending the town code.

The incorrect language regarding the definition of side yards—which was the same as the definition for front yards—was replaced with: "Side yard" now "means an open space between a main building and the side lot line, extending from the front yard to the rear yard, the width of which is the horizontal distance from the nearest point of the side lot line to the nearest point of the main building."

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