

until his family arrives in the state. He noted that Truty's fire vehicle had been ordered and will arrive in the first week of June. He continued by reporting that Truty's district phone, computer, uniforms, and gas and credit cards were being procured.

**Financial report**

Treasurer John Hildebrandt's financial report noted that the district had received \$1.56 million or 38.65 percent of the budgeted property tax revenue through March. The district had received \$87,916 or 35.31 percent of the budgeted specific ownership tax revenue. Ambulance revenues were \$119,068 or 0.45 percent less than projected budgeted revenue.

Administrative expenses were high due to one-time insurance and medical exam expenses and will normalize as the year progresses. The major expense line items of salaries, medical equipment, and uniform expenses were all slightly over budget. Hildebrandt noted that the specific ownership tax revenue continued to exceed budget expectations and should be watched to see if this trend continues. Overall expenses were 0.35 percent over budget.

District staff responded to earlier comments by the auditors. The staff proposed district-wide reforms that would strengthen the process and provide documenta-

tion for historical and promotion substantiation purposes, including annual employee and payroll reviews that are being formalized. Internal controls are also being strengthened as a result of the audit. Deposit slips and invoices are all now categorized and submitted to the office manager (OM) for execution. The OM then executes the action required.

**Interim chief's report**

The interim fire chief's report noted that the total personnel training hours for the quarter amounted to 3,930.5. This information was provided without a breakdown into categories such as medical, fire specific, and physical training. OCN continues to request these data for public consumption and for an informational overview. The district has provided no reason for withholding this information.

Construction of the well at Station 1 was placed on hold until the projects at Stations 2 and 3 were completed. The insurance agency disbursed a check for roof repairs at Station 3. Fire Capt. Max Mabry was managing the well project.

Cost estimates for the Station 2 septic system project should be received soon, according to the interim fire chief's report. Following that, the legal council will review the project and agreement negotiated with the

landowners on whose land the tank is to be located. No project manager was identified. Fire Lt. Jamaka Branden is managing the Station 2 mold project.

Fire Marshal John Vincent has had 39 plan reviews for new construction to complete so far this year.

The district had 113 more emergency calls through March than in the same period last year, according to the report. This amounted to 650 this year compared to 537 last year through March.

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The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, in the Administration Center at 166 Second St. in Monument. For further information regarding this meeting, contact Jennifer Martin at 719-484-0911.

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*Triview Metropolitan District, March 12*

# Water rate increase proposals rejected as enterprise fund losses continue

*By Jim Kendrick*

On March 12, the Triview Metropolitan District board rejected all three proposed water rate increase options to restore the district's water enterprise fund to solvency. The president of the district's consultant accounting firm gave a five-year projection on enterprise fund and general fund revenues and expenditures. The board's environmental consultant presented an interim cost update for protected Preble's mouse habitat and floodplain mitigation.

District Manager Valerie Remington stated that the staff would complete the move from Monument Town Hall to the Jackson Creek Commerce Center by March 15. The address for the new Jackson Creek Commerce Center office is Suite 300 of 16055 Old

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