



Above: At the June 3 Monument Board of Trustees meeting, Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman (left) swore in former Interim Town Manager and Town Treasurer Pamela Smith as town manager. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

- Tharnish is working with D-38 Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman to obtain a "Safe Routes to School" grant to help protect Palmer Ridge High School students who walk along the county's Monument Hill Road without benefit of county sidewalks or trails.
- Woodmoor has offered to purchase some of the town's wastewater effluent, and town water attorney Bob Krassa will draft an intergovernmental agreement.
- The town has agreed to be a local polling place of El Paso County in all of its elections for the northern part of the county.
- The costs for an election or a shared election will probably be greater than before due to having to both provide mail-in ballots and staff a polling place for each election in accordance with House Bill 13-1303, which was signed by Gov. John Hickenlooper on May 10.

For more information on this election law, see <http://gazette.com/el-paso-county-clerk-says-colorados-new-election-law-will-be-costly/article/1501068>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Above: At the June 3 Monument Board of Trustees meeting, Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman swore in Deputy Town Treasurer Monica Harder as town treasurer. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

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ride" lot on Woodmoor Drive, which is now an unmaintained "eyesore."

Monument Board of Trustees, June 17

Town fireworks canceled, but parade and street fair are not

By Jim Kendrick

On June 17, Town Manager Pamela Smith announced that because of the county-wide fire ban, the Fourth of July Kiwanis parade and Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce street fair would not be followed by Monument's inaugural fireworks display.

Trustees Stan Gingrich, John Howe, and Becki Tooley were absent from the meeting.

Trustee Jeff Kaiser thanked the Police Department for its efforts regarding the Black Forest Fire. Trustee Jeff Bornstein thanked Public Works for its work with the Black Forest Fire in assisting the Red Cross with traffic control at Palmer Ridge High School. Trustee Rafael Dominguez thanked the Tri-Lakes Fire Department for its efforts during the fire. Mayor Travis Easton thanked staff for the new town website.

Recently appointed Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Fire Chief Christopher Truty introduced himself to the Board of Trustees.

Financial reports

Smith noted that the state had granted her request for a 60-day extension for submitting the town's 2012 audit and she expects to present the final draft audit to the board by the end of July. Audits are due on July 31.

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

- \$120,288 to Triview Metropolitan District for April sales tax (\$114,781), May motor vehicle tax (\$5,244), and May Regional Building sales tax (\$263).
- \$9,278 to Jacobs Engineering for engineering work on the Monument sidewalks project.
- \$5,902 to Krassa and Miller LLC for legal services.
- \$10,116 to Forest Lakes Metropolitan District for the town's one-third share of repair costs for the Forest Lakes water storage tank roof.

April general fund revenues were more than budgeted by \$185,000, or 15 percent. April general fund expenditures were less than budgeted by \$160,000, or 13 percent. Through April, general fund revenues exceeded expenses by \$361,013.

April water fund revenues were less than budgeted by \$247,000, or 56 percent. April water fund expenses were less than budgeted by \$83,000, or 22 percent. Through April, water enterprise fund expenses exceeded revenues by \$110,063. All three water enterprise debt payments totaling \$208,339 remained to be paid in 2013.

For 2013, capital project debt and debt service payments totaling \$95,218 have been made, and \$467,266 remained to be paid in 2013.

The net surplus of all town funds through April was \$452,458.

Through April, sales tax revenues were more than budgeted by \$37,000 or 4.4 percent.

Liquor licenses

The board unanimously approved a special events liquor license for the Starlight Children's Foundation Monument Fireworks Celebration for July 4, in the vacant lot behind Serrano's Coffee to the west at 490 Beacon Lite Road from 5 to 9 p.m.

The board unanimously approved an annual liquor license renewal for the 1st and 10 Sports Bar and Grill at 1455 Cipriani Loop.

The board unanimously approved a "Permit Application and Report of Changes" for La Casa Fiesta at 230 Front St. to use the southwest parking lot as a cocktail garden on Sept. 2.

Staff reports

Tom Kassawara, director of Development Services, reported that the new town banner boards had been completed and installed. Kassawara thanked Monument business owner John Dominowski for organizing the volunteer effort to help create and complete this project. He also noted that 33 single-family home building permits have been issued so far this year for Monument.

Police Chief Jake Shirk briefed the board on the participation of the Monument Police Department in support of fighting the Black Forest wildfire.

Director Tom Tharnish reported that Public Works had taken possession of the new F250 pickup truck with the plow assembly and the new F450 pickup truck with the plow assembly and sander attachment.

Tharnish said he was scheduled to meet with representatives School District 38 to discuss options to make a safer route along the county's Monument Hill Road from Woodmoor Drive up to Palmer Ridge High School. Currently kids walk on the road during the school season, which creates safety issues for drivers and the students.

Tharnish is working with Timberline Landscaping to resolve beetle issues in the new "Christmas" trees installed along Second Street and resolving replacement of dead and dying trees under warranty.

The Colorado Department of Transportation has decided not to relinquish the old Monument I-25 interchange cul-de-sac property between the Conoco truck stop and Arby's to the town as a possible bulk water fill station site. The town will look for other sites for a new fill station.

Tharnish reported that the town had leased a portable temporary generator for powering Water Treatment Plant 7 due to the possibility of a sustained power loss during the Black Forest Fire.

Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) lent a 4,000-gallon water buffalo pumping system equipped with firefighting

nozzles for potential use by the Black Forest wildfire Incident Command structure. Smith thanked Bill Davis from CSU for bringing a water tanker truck to Town Hall for standby use during the Black Forest Fire.

Smith stated, "Our undying gratitude goes out to the hundreds of personnel who are working to contain the fire. We have been blessed with professionals locally, statewide, and even nationally who have come to save our lives, home, and town. Their herculean efforts in keeping the fire east of Highway 83 have saved hundreds of homes both in the county and the town. Our hopes and prayers are with them all."

She added, "Our policemen and policewomen have come in from vacation and days off so that Chief Shirk

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