

**Financial report**

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

- \$12,119 to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. for engineering work for the downtown sidewalks project
- \$8,890 to Intermountain Valve & Controls Inc. for valve replacement parts for town well 8

**Town manager's report**

Smith reported that a preliminary water agreement between the town, Triview Metropolitan District, and Centre Development regarding Triview water issues is under review. Once finalized, Triview development can continue.

The Wounded Warriors held a successful charity ice fishing tournament at Monument Lake on Jan. 25.

**Public comments**

Betty Konarski distributed copies of Headwaters magazine she had picked up at the January Colorado Water Congress annual conference. The magazine is published by the Colorado Foundation for Water Education. She noted the current dispute over the governor's request for a state water plan from the state water roundtables that were created by the Legislature. She asked the board to publish the town's infrastructure plans and details of its reuse project to be eligible for roundtable or water conservation board grants. Konarski is the town's representative to the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority.

Terri Hayes, executive director of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Colorado Springs Business Journal had just showcased seven local businesses and highlighted the Tri-Lakes area.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.  
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**Above:** At the Feb. 3 Monument Board of Trustees meeting, Bob Schubert of Public Works received an employee appreciation certificate for his 15 years of service to the town. Town Manager Pamela Smith also thanked Schubert's wife Marie for her support of Bob throughout the past 15 years. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*



**Above:** At the Feb. 3 Monument Board of Trustees meeting, Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk presented a chief's commendation to officer David Schott for his exemplary service to the community during a recent burglary call after midnight Nov. 19. Schott pursued a vehicle, leading to two arrests. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

Monument Board of Trustees, Feb. 18

# Discussion of changes in sidewalk repair ordinance continues

*By Jim Kendrick*

On Feb. 18 Monument Board of Trustees discussed a controversial revision to the town sidewalk ordinance that assigns the responsibility for maintenance and repair of broken or unsafe sidewalks in town rights-of-way to adjacent landowners. The board developed a consensus in favor of shifting the responsibility for all costs and liability to the town. However, there is no funding budgeted or appropriated in the 2014 town budget for this proposed change even though this has been a continuing board discussion item for a year and a half.

Triview Metropolitan District, where most of the damaged public sidewalks exist, would become responsible for making and paying for repairs to its public sidewalks. There was no discussion of how the town would compel Triview to perform these public sidewalk repairs.

Trustee Rafael Dominguez was absent from the meeting.

**Board requests new sidewalk repair proposal**

Director of Development Services Tom Kassawara reported that as directed by the board at the previous board meeting, he had drafted options for amending town ordinances regarding repair of sidewalk safety hazards and broken concrete. He noted that the requirement that these sidewalks are to be maintained by adjacent property owners applies "everywhere with anybody I've ever talked to."

Kassawara asked for board guidance on which options members would prefer to see in a draft amendment to the town's current sidewalk ordinances. Some of the items he suggested for board consideration were:

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