

by June 30. "Ideally the audit would be presented to the BOT in May at the latest. We are running behind this year due to my workload and inability to work on the financials and audit because of time constraints with town manager duties."

Disbursements over \$5,000

- Triview Metro District - \$143,297
- Lytle Water Solutions LLC \$9,831 - engineering on three projects including trial for Monument Lake
- Krassa and Miller LLC \$20,358 - legal work on six projects including trial for Monument Lake
- NORAA Construction Corp. - concrete for downtown sidewalks project - about \$16,000, according to

Trustee John Howe's verbal addition to the disbursement report

Trustee comments

Trustee Becki Tooley invited all Tri-Lakes area residents to:

- Art Hop events on "third Thursday evenings" in historic Monument.
- Parks Improvement Plan open house on July 21 at Bear Creek Elementary School from 4 to 7 p.m.

Howe's comments included:

- When a resident sends the town an email, town staff should respond promptly before it becomes a Letter to the Editor in the Tribune.... There seems to be a communication problem.... We (trustees) cannot respond to these. It's the town manager's job and we presume

they are doing it.

- Thank you to Community Relations Specialist Madeline VanDenHoek for finding sponsors and creating the attractive iers advertising the Thursday Monument Movie nights. The first movie on June 4 attracted 450 people.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jeffrey Kaiser said representatives of the Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority planned to meet with CDOT at the end of June to push for a timely repayment schedule of \$16 million in privately held construction bond debt that is currently being repaid by the authority's temporary 20-year one-cent BRRTA sales tax. This private debt financed the expansion of the failing I-25 Exit 158 when the state would not provide funding for this CDOT

interchange. The total original privately held bond debt was \$21 million, but CDOT will not be reimbursing the authority for any of the overhead costs for bond debt creation nor repayment of administrative costs.

See www.ocn.me/v15n6.htm#brta0508.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. Call 884-8017 or www.townofmonument.org for information. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13.

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Above: Georgina Gittins was one of over 20 people who voiced their opinions on June 15 about chicken-keeping in Jackson Creek at the Monument Board of Trustees meeting. Many speakers said their opinions about chickens were secondary to their wishes to just have the current town ordinance enforced. Photo by Lisa Hatfield.

Monument Planning Commission, June 10

Creekside Commercial, Advance Auto Parts plans move forward

By Kate Wetterer

The June 10 Monument Planning Commission meeting saw the discussion of both Creekside Commercial Replat and Final PD Site Plan proposals, concerning the potential construction of Advance Auto Parts and Brakes Plus facilities in Monument. Both motions were passed by the commissioners, and will therefore now be considered by the Board of Trustees.

The area intended for the auto-repair shops is currently Planned Mixed Development land, which developers intend to plot into two lots—Lot 1 and Lot 2 to serve as the Advance Auto Parts and Brakes Plus locations as well as a separate tract for a water quality and detention pond, all less than one acre in size. Fifty-two new parking spaces are proposed to service these locations, including three Americans with Disabilities Act spaces. A redesigned water quality and detention pond would encompass the south portion of the property.

All facilities would be constructed in Monument's standard

earth tones, which developers assured the commissioners would ensure a "harmonious" looking development. Plans for foliage and landscaping exceed the required 10 percent of the property, coming in at about 25 percent in current plans. Cars would not be permitted to sit on the property overnight. Commissioner Jim Fitzpatrick recommended approval of the replat, with Michelle Glover seconding. This motion passed unanimously.

The final PD site plan inspired some discussion, with David Gwisdalla wanting to ensure that prohibitions were put in place to protect the residents of Jackson Creek, whatever becomes of the property in the future, should the auto-repair facilities stay or be replaced by new businesses. Gwisdalla introduced questions such as where the discarded brakes in drums would sit, and whether anything stored outside would be accessible to the environment. It was decided that bay doors should be closed from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., so that even if mechanics continued

to work, there would be no noisy activities to bother nearby Monument residents.

Fitzpatrick recommended approval of the final PD site plan, with Glover seconding. This motion passed 3 to 2, with Gwisdalla and John Dick voting against. Dick opposed the plan because it put undue restrictions on business, and Gwisdalla opposed "on principle" because he doesn't believe Monument requires another auto-repair facility.

The Town of Monument will be conducting interviews to fill the vacant planner position next week. There may also be a new member appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the current vacancy by August.

The next Monument Planning Commission meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on July 8 at 645 Beacon Lite Rd. Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month. Information: 884-8017 or <http://www.townofmonument.org/meetings/>

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Inside the Monument Citizens Police Academy, weeks 3, 4, and 5

By Nancy Wilkins

During weeks 3, 4, and 5 of the Monument Citizens Police Academy, topics included traffic stops, sobriety tests, cyber crime, tasers, internal investigations, and a police dog demonstration.

Lt. Steve Burk demonstrated police procedures used when a driver is pulled over for a traffic stop. Police officers in Monument are trained to park their police car a few feet inward toward the center of the road behind the vehicle stopped to create a safer space for an officer and the vehicle's driver to walk in. Burk said Monument officers usually

know and can predict where the safest spot in the immediate area is for a diver is to pull over, and Burk hopes the driver remembers to use their turn signal if turning onto a side road.

If a police officer touches the back of the vehicle pulled over, they are leaving fingerprints as evidence should the driver deny the stop. Monument police officers are also equipped with a recording camera. GPS may also tag where the stop occurs. Should an officer ask to search the vehicle, Burk said the driver has the option to decline the search. However, if the vehicle

is impounded, the police must conduct a search of the vehicle and inventory any contents.

Sobriety tests

Burk demonstrated the tests for sobriety, and volunteers were given the opportunity to put on goggles in the classroom to impair their vision and affect their mobility. Tests included "walking the line," saying the alphabet, and being able to follow one finger across the person's field of vision in a line from left to right. If you are driving under the influence of alcohol, Burk said it is almost impossible to follow the

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