

April 5 Monument Board of Trustees election results

Eight candidates ran for four four-year terms on the Monument Board of Trustees in the April 5 mail-in election. Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman reported the following of-

ficial results of votes cast by April 5:

- Tim Allen – 338
- **Jeff Bornstein – 454**
- **Greg Coopman – 493**
- John Howe – 279
- **Shea Medlicott – 431**
- Kevin Sorenson – 370
- Becki Tooley – 362
- **Don Wilson – 468**

The winning top four vote-getters are shown in bold.

A total of 874 votes were cast out of 4,604 registered voters in the town.

At the April 18 Monument Board of Trustees meeting, Sirochman recognized the diligent work of four Monument election judges who worked until 2 a.m. counting the ballots: John Giudice, Thomas Korytowski, Donald Nichols, and Sharon Tymes.

Palmer Lake Town Council, April 14 and April 28

New mayor and board appointed; Facinelli Motors finds new home in Palmer Lake

By James Howald

In April, the Palmer Lake Town Council met twice: on April 14 and on April 28.

The April 14 meeting was devoted to recognizing the outgoing mayor and trustees. A new mayor and two new trustees were sworn in at this meeting as well. No further business was conducted at this meeting.

On April 28, a fourth trustee was appointed, and the new board voted on resolutions to allow Facinelli Motors to do business temporarily at 735 Hillview St., and to move at a later date to a permanent location in Elephant Rock Acres. The board also moved forward on a plan to revamp the town's municipal codes, and voted in favor of

a resolution to finalize the terms of employment of Cathy Green-Sinnard as town administrator. During public comments, a representative of the Palmer Lake noxious weed eradication volunteers spoke about the need to eradicate myrtle spurge.

Outgoing mayor and trustees receive plaques, commendations

Mayor Nikki McDonald presented the outgoing trustees with plaques honoring their service to the community. Roads Trustee John Russel, Police Trustee Bob Grado, Water Trustee Mitchell Davis, Parks Trustee Paul Banta and Economic Development Trustee Judith Harrington all received awards from McDonald.

Fire Trustee Rich Kuehster will remain on the board.

Kuehster then presented a plaque to a tearful McDonald, expressing the town's gratitude for her service as mayor. In a printed farewell, McDonald reminisced about her time in Palmer Lake, and expressed her confidence that the town was headed in a good direction.

New mayor and trustees take office

In her last official act on April 14, McDonald introduced the town's new mayor, John Cressman. Cressman has served a term as mayor previously, McDonald said.

The April 14 meeting concluded with Town Clerk Tara Berreth administering the oath of office to new trustee Mark Schuler, returning trustee Paul Banta, and new mayor Cressman.

The April 28 meeting began with the appointment of new trustee Glant Havenar. Havenar is a real estate agent who has lived in Palmer Lake for 14 years. She has three children in D-38 schools, Havenar said, adding that she wanted to serve on the board to help preserve the small-town culture of Palmer Lake.

Mitchell Davis, who had served previously as the board's water trustee, declined to be re-appointed to the board, citing family concerns.

Facinelli Motors to remain in Palmer Lake

Following a presentation by Kurt Erhardt, a local builder, the board approved a set of resolutions that together gave local businessman Tom Facinelli the conditional use permits required to allow his auto repair business to operate temporarily at 735 Hillview Street, until a new building can be built as a permanent home for his business farther south in the Elephant Rock Acres neighborhood.

In addition to the conditional use permits, the board also voted to approve a resolution that vacated a right of way belonging to the town adjacent to the property that will be the final location for Facinelli's business. Vacating the right of way would allow a small piece of land currently owned by the town to become part of the lot where Facinelli's business will eventually reside, according to Town Lawyer Maureen Juran.

Palmer Lake municipal codes to be overhauled

The board approved an agreement with the Municipal Code Corp. (Municode) to update the town's municipal code. The update was needed, according to Town Administrator

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