

by driveways onto both Jackson Creek Parkway and Leather Chaps Drive. The applicant needs to provide a will-serve letter from Triview Metropolitan District prior to recordation of the Final PD Site Plan, Jones said.

No members of the public spoke about the application, and the trustees approved it unanimously.

Other trustee comments

The consensus of the trustees was that having past minutes available on the website as they are is very helpful for transparency. Board of Trustee minutes back through 1997 are available at <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com/>. A majority of the trustees had suggestions for sharing more complete meeting content with the public, including asking that every topic discussed be included in the minutes, that meeting minutes be more detailed, and that the public have access to meeting recordings via the website.

Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman said she could include meet-

ing highlights with her action-only minutes and that in the future live audio streaming of meetings could be an option.

Bornstein thanked Town Manager Chris Lowe for his July 15 press release explaining how the Town of Monument is (and is not) connected with Triview Metropolitan District and what consulting assistance the town offered Triview during the June water emergency. See <http://www.townofmonument.org/town-bulletins/>.

Bornstein asked what Town Attorney Gary Shupp's role would be "if it gets ugly" between the town and Triview, since Shupp is also Triview's attorney. Shupp said he did not anticipate that, but if there were a conflict, he would not represent either client.

Financial report

Checks over \$5,000 approved as part of consent agenda:

- Triview Metro District, May sales tax, June motor vehicle sales tax, June Regional

Building use tax – not to exceed \$500,541

- Wildcat Construction Co., water line upgrades – \$16,396
- CIRSA Insurance, third-quarter worker's compensation – \$15,397
- CIRSA Insurance, third-quarter liability insurance – \$23,609
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, third-quarter support – \$5,000
- Colorado Water Conservation Board, annual payment for Monument Dam loan – \$168,091

The second-quarter financial report from Town Treasurer Pamela Smith included the following note on fiscal impacts:

- General fund revenues were 1 percent more than budgeted.
- General fund expenditures were 1.3 percent more than budgeted.
- General fund net balance was negative by \$225,903.

- This included the \$350,000 settlement check to Colonial Management Group.
- Water fund revenues were 2 percent more than budgeted.
- Water fund expenses were 62 percent less than budgeted, mainly due to not funding capital projects yet.
- Water enterprise fund net balance was positive by \$273,173.
- Net ancillary funds through June were positive by \$378,000.

Volunteer recognitions

Community Liaison Specialist Madeline Van DenHoek expressed her sincere thanks and presented certificates of appreciation to those who organized Monument's Memorial Day Ceremony, which grows in attendance each year.

Then she thanked the countless volunteers and organizations that coordinated the numerous July 4 events attended by an estimated 15,000 people this year.

Trustee Jeff Bornstein pre-

sented certificates recognizing the herculean efforts of the grassroots No Methadone in Monument group.

Executive session rescheduled

The board agreed to postpone an executive session listed on the agenda to discuss the "purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest" regarding the water enterprise fund since Public Works Director Tom Tharnish had to leave the meeting by the time this item came up at 10 p.m.

This was the same item that had been scheduled for June 27 but was not conducted that night either, at the request of the trustees. See www.ocn.me/v16n7.htm#mbot-0627.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

On July 26, Public Works Director Tom Tharnish distributed a press release called "Follow-up From June 20 Monument Water Meeting." In it, he clarified many points that have been disputed at several Board of Trustees meetings. For example, he said the \$44 million discussed "would serve the town's growing needs for the next 20-30 years" and would not drive near-term rate and fee adjustments. See www.townofmonument.org/town-bulletins/ to read the entire two-page press release.

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. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 15. Call 884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for the Monument Board of Trustees, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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