



**Above:** On June 11, the Palmer Lake Board of Trustees met in person for the first time after months of conducting the meetings online. Palmer Lake Town Hall was set up to allow for social distancing during the meeting. **Below:** At that meeting, new Town Clerk Dawn Collins administered the oath of office to incoming Fire Chief Christopher McCarthy. *Photos by Jackie Burhans.*



the CARES Act. The money can be spent only on issues arising from COVID-19, and does not have to be repaid, Radosevich said.

The board voted unani-

mously to give signing authorization to Cressman.

#### **Ordinance and resolutions approved**

The board voted to approve the following ordinances and reso-

lutions:

- Resolution 08-2020, which rescinds the water emergency Resolution No. 9 of 2018.
- Ordinance 05-2020, which allows the board to cancel elections when there is only one candidate in each race.
- Resolution 10-2020, which lets the board put on the November ballot an issue to allow the town to opt out of publishing town ordinances.

#### **Business license granted**

The board voted unanimously to approve a business license for Greater Grounds Landscaping LLC, at 630 Highway 105.

#### **Street vacated**

The board voted unanimously to grant a street vacation for John Kerr at 579 County Line Road. The vacation had previously been approved by the Planning Commission. The vacation will allow Kerr to resolve

an issue with his septic system. Kerr will pay a fee of 10 cents per square foot for the 13,650 square feet he receives though the vacation.

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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold two meetings in July, on July 10 and 24 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 42 Valley Cres-

cent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, with the second meeting organized as a working session. Information: 481-2953.

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### *Perspective on Our Community*

## **Reservoir Access Road Closure**

*By Steve Pate*

The following issues facing the Palmer Lake Board of Trustees (PLBOT) are partly based on a summary that local resident Bryan Christensen shared with the Monument Hiking Group, with additional information verified by this writer.

In a chat with a member of the PLBOT to get background on the sudden closure of the Reservoir Road, which feeds a network of hiking trails, Christensen was able to delve into other issues that call for local residents to provide constructive input and support to implement long-term solutions.

Many don't grasp the magnitude of the problems facing the town. As Christensen stated, "Since I live local I don't hike when I know it's peak time, which means I don't really see how bad it is on those days (and) I'm not confronted with the enormous problems the town can't avoid."

#### **The current closure**

The access road to the reservoirs is in bad shape, eroding and sending silt into the creek, which is bad for the town's water. The trail requires extensive repair with proper retaining walls, etc. The town was planning for repairs later in the year but was able to secure a reasonable bid from Bradley Construction and begin work right away.

Work started on June 15 and may take about six weeks, though it could go longer because unforeseen problems often arise in a large project like this once you start moving dirt. This is a big project with heavy equipment, so it will not be safe for hikers to be on the trail when they are working and probably not even on the days they are not working. Bad time of year for us hikers, but it's obvious why the town had to jump on this.

Alternate routes exist to

access the reservoirs and the network of trails off the Res-



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