

approved, they will be posted on the town’s website “for the residents to view.”

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For the time being, all MPC meetings will held through Webex software, considering Monument is at COVID-19 Threat Level Red. Citizens are also afforded the option of calling in to listen to meetings, and if alternate accommodations are needed, the town website states, “Individuals without the ability to participate by phone or computer may contact Drew Anderson at [danderson@tomgov](mailto:danderson@tomgov).

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org or 719-396-0842.” Further information: <http://www.townofmonument.org/meetings/>.  
The next PC meeting is scheduled to be held at

6 p.m. Jan. 13.  
*Kate Pangelinan can be reached at [katepangelinan@ocn.me](mailto:katepangelinan@ocn.me).*

Palmer Lake Board of Trustees, Dec. 10

New mayor and trustees take their seats



**Above:** At the Dec. 10 meeting of the Palmer Lake Board of Trustees, the old and new board posed for a picture. From left, top row: Paul Banta, Nicole Currier, Jessica Farr, Sam Padgett, Karen Stuth, Mark Schuler. Bottom row: John Cressman, Glant Havenar, Patty Mettler, Bob Mutu, Susan Miner, Bill Bass. Outgoing Mayor Cressman, and trustees Banta, Schuler, Mettler, and Miner are stepping down. Incoming Mayor Bill Bass and trustees Nicole Currier, Jessica Farr, and Sam Padgett are stepping into new roles. Returning trustees are Glant Havenar and Bob Mutu. *Photo by James Howald*

*By James Howald and Jackie Burhans*

A new mayor and four new trustees were sworn in at the Dec. 10 meeting of the Palmer Lake Board of Trustees (PLBOT), marking a turning point in the town’s leadership. Town Administrator and Clerk Dawn Collins and outgoing Mayor John Cressman, along with Bob Radosevich, who recently stepped down as the town’s interim manager, awarded certificates of appreciation to the outgoing trustees, and shared some thoughts on what their service to the town meant to them.

Collins administered the oath of office to incoming Mayor Bill Bass and incoming Trustees Sam Padgett, Jessica Farr, Karen Stuth, and Nicole Currier. Bass’s first official act was to read a proclamation in honor of Cressman. A mayor pro tem was elected, and a resolution to adopt the 2021 budget and certify mill levies was passed. The board heard staff reports. Finally, the board went into executive session.



**Above:** Outgoing Palmer Lake Mayor John Cressman (left) accepts a certificate from incoming Mayor Bill Bass. *Photo by James Howald.*

**Certificates of appreciation awarded**

Before awarding the certificates of appreciation, Collins thanked Cressman and the trustees for the support they gave her when she became the town’s administrator and clerk, adding that their welcome had encouraged her to share her ideas for improving the town’s administration.

Cressman joined Collins to present certificates to outgoing Trustees Mark Schuler, Paul Banta, Patty Mettler, and Susan Miner. Cressman said his four terms as mayor had been “a special time,” adding “all in all it’s been really meaningful to serve and serve with you guys.” Cressman apologized to anyone he might have offended in his eight years as mayor. “Each one of us has brought his expertise, insight and integrity to this town,” he said. Cressman asked the incoming trustees to “please embrace the staff . . . this is absolutely the cream of the crop,” and ended by saying “It’s a great town; we love it.”

Radosevich reflected on his last year of service to the town, saying it had been a team effort, that handling the budget and the consequences of COVID-19 had been challenging, that some residents had been angry with leadership, but that “we did a good job.”

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