

not done a good job of balancing the growth of residential housing while preserving open spaces. Other survey results

- include:
- Overall, respondents said Monument is a good place to live and raise

a family but find the town needs more dining and shopping options, and more work opportunities.

- 64% of all residents who responded said they “receive a good value in town services and programs considering how much they pay in taxes.”
 - For all men responding, 48% said the town is moving in the right direction, whereas only 28% of all women approved.
 - Road maintenance services such as snow plowing and resurfacing were more important to residents than public safety. However, police budgeting was voted as a higher priority than funding road operations.
 - 81% of respondents said they either never or rarely visit the town’s website where all development requests are available for public review.
- Other important decisions by the board
- Public Works Director Tom Tharnish asked the board to approve the purchase of a used vacuum (VAC) truck for water operations and maintenance. It was unclear what the town would do with the existing 1995 VAC truck. The purchase cost is \$134,000 for a 2017 Ford F-750, with 186 work hours.
 - The board approved the purchase of 970 transponders from Badger Meter Transponders and Endpoints to replace the town’s water metering system with electronic meters. During the May 3 meeting, the board approved the labor costs. See related BOT article on page 6. The hardware cost is \$229,570. Funding comes from the town’s Certificates of Participation bonds.
 - Black Forest Foods, 140 Second St., was approved for a liquor license after showing strong commitment to the safe distribution of alcohol. Terri Hayes, CEO of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, said the establishment’s employees are professional and the restaurant is an “integral part of the community.” The request passed unanimously.

Public comments

Resident Jeremy Harrigan told the board, “I do believe the time is now to raise awareness about making our town a sanctuary town from all the things that are assaulting us.” He noted Clark had drawn up a resolution, but Wilson said it contradicts the state constitution. Board members received copies of the resolution, but the public did not.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 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. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 7. Call 719-884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for BOT or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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