

sound was 70 decibels. The board did not agree on exactly how to make the measurement and ended by tabling the debate until Town Attorney Matthew Krob could do some research.

Water conservation code amended

At the June 10 workshop, the board reviewed the town's current municipal code regarding water conservation to determine if it adequately expressed the board's concern with the need to conserve water. Stuth asked if there was evidence the rules around residential watering made a difference and said a constituent had asked if the hours when watering was allowed should be reviewed.

At the June 10 board meeting, Collins said the staff would amend the current code with the board's latest concerns for a vote at the next board meeting.

At the June 24 meeting, the board voted unanimously to amend the municipal code by allowing watering to occur between 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A statement saying that conservation was a year-round responsibility of all residents was added to the code. The code was also amended to empower the town administrator to grant variances from the restrictions as deemed necessary.

Master Fee Schedule adopted

At the June 10 meeting, the board passed Resolution 33-2021, which adopts a Master Fee Schedule for the services the town provides to residents. The fees establish costs for business licenses, liquor licenses, special event licenses, water taps, land use applications, and many other services. *The Master Fee Schedule can be found*

on the town's webpage at <https://bit.ly/3h0TYOA>.

Town takes ownership of Living Word property

At the June 24 meeting, the board passed Resolution 34-2021, which accepts the transfer of the Living Word property to the town and authorizes the deed to be recorded.

To establish a direction for how to manage the property, the board also discussed a list of proposed next steps, which included:

- Turning on the water service to determine if there are leaks.
- Switching utility billing to the town.
- Obtaining an insurance assessment.
- Cleaning and re-keying the property.
- Seeking professional advice on managing the property.
- Plan for public input.

Calendar for 2022 budget established

Collins told the board that planning was underway for the town's 2022 budget. Green and Associates will serve as the town's auditor as it has done in the past, she said.

Department budget reviews will begin the last week of July and will continue through August. A preliminary budget will be presented on Sept. 30. The required public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Nov. 11 and the vote to adopt the budget will be held on Dec. 9.

Highlights of board and staff reports

- The town is drafting a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant

- who will work with an advisory committee to further develop the town's comprehensive master plan.
- One new water tap was issued in June; 1,027 taps are currently in use.
 - Costs for the ramp project at the library have increased due to increased material costs.
 - A contract has been awarded for the Town Hall restoration project, and grant funds are being sought. An ADA-compliant entrance will be added to the project.
 - The redrill of the town's Denver aquifer well is proceeding smoothly.
 - An awning will be added to the town's electronic sign to improve readability.
 - The town is working with the El

Paso Board of County Commissioners to add additional parking on the east side of the lake to accommodate increased demand resulting from the opening of a new open space.

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold three meetings in July, a regular meeting on July 8 and a workshop and regular meeting on July 22. The workshop will be held at 5 p.m. and the regular meetings at 6 p.m. All meetings will be at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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Monument Sanitation District, June 16
New manager making district more efficient

By Allison Robenstein
During the Monument Sanitation Department June 16 meeting, the board heard a report from District Manager Mark Parker, who is working to clean up lift stations and ensure they are in top working order. The annual audit review was postponed until the July meeting.

Director Katie Saucedo was noted absent, and attorney Joan Fritsche attended remotely.

Manager's report

Parker said he has taken charge of the lift stations after the Donala Water District contract was not renewed. Note:

While the district was lacking a manager, Donala acted as the operator-in-responsible charge.

He updated the board on an electrical problem found last month at the Wakonda Hills lift station. The electrical termination box was found to be located in the wet well of the lift station. *See www.ocn.me/v21n6.htm#msd.* Electricians found the two pumps wired to the same starter. The No. 2 pump was thought to be faulty because it was running at high amperage. Parker noticed a lot of extra grease buildup. Realizing

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