

**Monument (Cont. from page 1)**

Mayor Rafael Dominguez' term as mayor after Dominguez abruptly resigned March 29. See [www.ocn.me/v16n4.htm#resign](http://www.ocn.me/v16n4.htm#resign) and [www.ocn.me/v16n5.htm#mbot0404](http://www.ocn.me/v16n5.htm#mbot0404).

Town Attorney Gary Shupp suggested that the trustees hold the motion in abeyance until the Nov. 21 meeting so Shupp could check the statutes and municipal code to see if the motion could be carried out if it were to be approved.

Coopman then made a motion to direct town staff to draft an ordinance for the next meeting to allow a majority vote of the board to return an appointed of-

ficial to his/her elected capacity to serve out the remainder of that term to which they were elected. Then the board could appoint a member of the current board to the newly opened seat.

Shupp suggested that it not to be a motion for an ordinance but instead to direct him to see if that could be done, and if so he would bring an ordinance to that effect at the next meeting, and if it could not be done then he could explain why not.

Wilson then made a motion to postpone Trustee Greg Coopman's motion indefinitely, but it was not seconded.

Town Manager Chris Lowe said since Monument is a statutory town, "Gary has to look into it." Coopman's motion passed 4-3. Trustee Kelly Elliott, Kaiser, and Wilson voted no.

When Kaiser then asked if there were any further board comments, Medlicott made a motion to strip Wilson of his title, effective immediately, and return him to his elected trustee position. Coopman amended the motion to add that Bornstein be appointed to the vacant mayor pro-tem position. The motion passed 4-3. Elliott, Kaiser, and Wilson voted no. Shupp did not comment on this motion, and it was unclear whether this motion took effect or not as the meeting proceeded.


The drama continued as Medlicott accused Lowe, Kaiser, and Wilson of main-

taining "special communication" between them in spite of specific direction to town staff that, "when you speak to one of us, you speak to all of us." For example, see [www.ocn.me/v16n7.htm#mbot-0620](http://www.ocn.me/v16n7.htm#mbot-0620). He cited examples from Lowe in the weekly "Friday Night Highlights" Lowe sends to the board. Then Medlicott made a motion that when Lowe emailed one board member, he should send copies to the whole board each time. Coopman seconded the motion, but no vote was taken as trustees argued about the idea instead.

At this point, the volume of the meeting increased noticeably. Elliott accused Medlicott of micromanagement, who replied that it was the whole point of "equality of information" requested by the board. Wilson said the accusation was based on hearsay, and Murphy demanded to know about meetings Wilson and Kaiser had had "with various communities." Wilson retorted that they did meet with Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority every month as board volunteers. Murphy and Wilson then shouted back and forth at each other in a prolonged negative exchange.

Coopman said all the trustees were equal and no one had any right to any additional information, invitations to meetings, participating in calls, decision-making, and the administrative process. "If communication overkill is a way to (build trust), then I'm all for it."

Kaiser asked several times if they would really like to know what he and Lowe spoke about in the conversation referred to in "Friday Night Highlights."







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