

trustees on Nov. 20. Changes described include adding capital lease payments to the debt service fund and setting up capital projects funds for specific departments' projects and improvements that fit set criteria. This will involve shifting expenses and revenues worth hundreds of thousands of dollars related to the water enterprise fund, the 1 percent 2A Water Acquisition, Storage, and Delivery (ASD) sales tax, the town's general fund, and the 2 percent sales tax collected by the state.

As of the Nov. 20 draft version of the 2018 budget, \$884,250 in capital projects (CIP) in the general fund (GF) was funded, and \$4.53 million of CIP in the GF was unfunded. In the water enterprise fund (WEF), \$345,000 in CIP was funded, and \$1.55 million in CIP was unfunded. Staff and trustees are still working to determine how to fund all the 2018 budgets. Total projected revenue for 2018 is \$6 million.

For technical financial details, read the Nov. 20 board packet or contact Lowe or Smith.

Other points in Lowe's report included:

- The town clerk developed the nomination petitions and candidate information packet for April 2018 election.
- MPD is working with Tri-Lakes Monument FPD on active shooter training and coordination responses.
- MPD officers have taken more reports this year than ever before.
- Wagons West annexation and zoning has been reviewed by Monument Planning Commission (See related MPC article on page 13) and is scheduled for the Dec. 4 BOT meeting.
- We are scheduling a meeting with the new district manager of Triview to discuss a few projects of mutual interest.

**Code enforcement update**

The town's code enforcement subtractor, Susie Ellis of Community Preservation Specialists Inc., told the trustees about her interactions with residents since Aug. 7 when she took over the code enforcement task from the town. She has logged 101 cases so far and said her objective is to first help people understand what the code says and offer suggestions to them on how to comply. Her comments included:

- I am informing and educating people about the town ordinances, just like (Town Clerk) Laura Hogan did before me.
- I only go into a homeowners' association if they need my help. Otherwise they do their own enforcement (of their covenants).
- The town website will have answers to some common questions soon.
- It does not do any good to be aggressive with people

when they just need to be educated first. It takes a little more time, but results are better.

**Note:** To be fully informed, Monument residents who live in the town limits need to check both town ordinances at [https://library.municode.com/co/monument/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/co/monument/codes/code_of_ordinances) as well as specific homeowners' association rules for their neighborhoods.

**Note:** People with "Monument" mailing addresses do not necessarily live inside the town; they may live in unincorporated El Paso County. To see if you live within the boundaries of the Town of Monument, see zoning map at <https://arcg.is/0TTjib>.

**Village Center Metro District request**

Jim Romanello from Village Center Metro District (VCMD) appeared before the trustees to request that VCMD could make another presentation to the board in its quest

for solvency. "We need your help. We are asking for you to help us raise our property taxes." See [www.ocn.me/v17n2.htm#mbot](http://www.ocn.me/v17n2.htm#mbot), [www.ocn.me/v17n10.htm#mbot0918](http://www.ocn.me/v17n10.htm#mbot0918), [www.ocn.me/v17n10.htm#mbot1002](http://www.ocn.me/v17n10.htm#mbot1002).

Over the last year, VCMD and the town have had trouble

communicating and reaching consensus about possible resolutions to VCMD's revenue and debt problems. On Sept. 18, VCMD had a public hear-

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