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wide range of sizes and technologies needed to be considered to meet the town's water supply configuration. "Jessie and I are in agreement. We are open to any process as long as the water we give to our citizens is safe.... We are not yet ready to give a recommendation." See related Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee article on page 16.

Murphy and Coopman said since the water reuse technology decision was so complicated, they did not want the emergency water interconnection slowed down while the town made its decision on water reuse. As an example, Coopman referred to Triview Metropolitan District's need for emergency water last summer, which came from neighboring Donala. Tharnish said the town's water system was "more robust than Triview's, which has weaknesses.... The risk analysis we do on a routine basis does not lead to that type of catastrophe." Lowe added that the town's system is 70 years old, and "we do not know of a night there was not water." He said comparing the town to Triview was like "comparing apples ... to ... not even oranges ... but to camels!"

Trustee Kelly Elliott asked how long the town had to wait for the reuse system and if there was any collaboration with Triview. Tharnish said Triview was working on its own water reuse plant. Meanwhile, the town's reuse plant was being planned in two phases: Phase 1 would include WWSD and the potential raw water emergency interconnection, and Phase 2, the building of the town's treatment plant, where the bulk of the town's cost would be. He hoped the sampling and design portion of Phase 1 would be done by end of 2017.

Elliott, who is a resident of Triview, asked, "I don't think (Lowe) is responsible, but who will contact Triview to come back and report to us about progress on their long-term water plan, debt, \$40-million-plus debt pay-down, and all of the things that are of extreme interest in Triview?" Lowe replied, "We will endeavor to persevere to build those relationships and have those discussions." **Note:** Triview Metropolitan District, on the east side of I-25, includes two-thirds of the population of Monument. Triview was created as one of the first Colorado Title 32 developer special metropolitan districts within the Regency Park development, which was annexed into the town in 1987. Triview provides roads, parks, and drainage maintenance, as well as water and sanitation utility services, to the residents of Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, and Sanctuary Pointe. Triview's water system is wholly independent of Monument's Public Works water system located on the west side of I-25. The Town of Monument only provides police services, within the Triview service area for Triview's property owners, and more recently land use services, when the town and Triview land use and building codes were unified during the

period when the town staff took over Triview operations for several years.

2016 unaudited financial summary

The 2016 end-of-year financial report was included in the consent agenda, which the trustees approved unanimously without comment. Town Treasurer Pamela Smith's 2016 financial report included:

- General fund revenues—\$5.4 million, 99 percent of the budgeted amount
- General fund expenditures—\$5.9 million, 98 percent. Expenses included \$350,000, which was the town's portion of the \$900,000 litigation settlement check to Colonial Management Group (CMG), after residents rallied against CMG's proposed methadone clinic on Second Street. The Monument Board of Adjustment revoked the administrative approval of the license, and CMG sued the town. See www.ocn.me/v16n4.htm#mbot0311.
- Water enterprise fund revenue—\$2.3 million, 138 percent of the budgeted amount
- Water enterprise fund expenditures—\$1.7 million, 95 percent
- Revenue included \$471,000 for accrued tap fees for the new water line at Lake of the Rockies and \$211,000 in capital lease financing. The much-debated water base rate and volumetric rate increase began with the May 2016 billing. See www.ocn.me/v16n4.htm#mbot0307.
- Capital projects building, police and town hall revenue—\$365,598, 100 percent.
- In November 2005, Monument voters allowed the limitation on water sales tax revenue use to be modified, and in 2009 they approved that 35 percent of that revenue would be diverted to build the new town hall and police building on Beacon Lite Road, and the final payment for the town hall was made in 2016. So in 2017, all the revenue from the one-cent sales tax will again go to the 2A Water Acquisition, Storage, and Delivery (ASD) fund, used for obtaining and, sometime in the future, using new town-owned water rights. See www.ocn.me/v5n12.htm#bot1107, www.ocn.me/v9n4.htm#monbot.
- 2A Water ASD fund revenue—\$485,373, 116 percent
- 2A Water ASD fund expenditures—\$1.2 million, 64 percent
- Expenses included professional services, the new water tank site study, land purchase for the water tank site, and land purchase for the water reuse site. The consent agenda also included one check over \$5,000.
- Lytle Water Solutions LLC water engineering on six projects—\$5,684

Town manager's report

Lowe said, "We have a possible candidate," for the town clerk position that had been held by Cynthia Sirochman, after narrowing down the pool with the help of "three city clerks from surrounding communities." He asked the trustees to send one or two representatives to the interviews for the three candidates who would be interviewed within the next week. Trustees Jeff Bornstein, Elliott, and Mayor Pro-Tem Don Wilson volunteered to available. Coopman asked to see all 20-plus resumes that had been submitted, and he wanted to "bring some in here for interviews as we have in the past for other appointed positions." Lowe said he would send all the original application documentation to Coopman and any trustee who requested it, and the consensus was that he would also let all the trustees know when interviews would occur. "I would like to move fast," he said. See related March 20 Monument Board of Trustees article on page 8.

Lowe introduced Cassie Olgren, the town's new master gardener.

**Public comments on
 water sources and wildfires**

During public comments, Palmer Lake resident Allen "Dave" Miller, a water, energy, and environmental planner, read from a letter he had written to Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers about a high altitude, reversible pumped-storage water reservoir for multiple river systems that was proposed as the Central Colorado Project, including the Taylor Park Reservoir. He proposed many alternative solutions that could still be built that would make much better use of Colorado's water rights and energy than, for example, the less-efficient Southern Delivery System that now brings water upstream from the Arkansas to Colorado Springs.

May 6 is National FireWise Day. "Think about who could represent your neighborhood at the free Neighborhood Wildfire Leadership Summit which will happen here in the Tri-Lakes area," Lisa Hatfield requested of the trustees. At this training and networking event,

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