



Above: Forrest Hindley, of the Village Center Metropolitan District board, addressed the Monument Board of Trustees during public comments on May 1, saying the district wanted to apply for approval of modifications in the 2004 Service Agreement, since the town's rezoning of 330,000 square feet of the district's planned commercial space to residential areas in November 2014 and the allocation of all the debt service to the bondholders has left Village Center with absolutely no money to maintain its streets and parks. Hindley said, "We members of Village Center Metro District board have begged, cajoled and pleaded with the trustees for help, but we can't even be put on the agenda!" *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

(Maximum Contaminant Level) at the discharge point of the Well 3/9 Water Treatment Plant, the town has considered several treatment options including dilution, an ion exchange system, HMO System (Hydrolyzed Manganese Oxidation), and adsorptive resin. *See www.ocn.me/v16n11.htm#mbot1017.*

Murphy asked, "When did we talk about our radium approach with the TLWWTF? Have we talked with them?" Tharnish said he talked with TLWWTF "in minor detail quite a while ago when we first started have the (radium) issue." He said since Well 3/9 has been shut down, the impact to wastewater has been minimal. *Note:* TLWWTF's Joint Use Committee (JUC) has been

asking questions at its public meetings since October about the town's proposed plans for both radium treatment and a possible potable water reuse plant, which could involve a new CDPHE-regulated discharge point that could have huge repercussions for all entities involved. The JUC's position was that they should have been consulted so they could help inform the decisions the town was making. Read each TLWWTF article starting with November 2016 issue at www.ocn.me.

Murphy brought up the concerns noted in the OCN article included in this meeting's board packet, specifically the JUC's allegations that the town was not being responsive to their questions. He was concerned that so much time had gone by without Tharnish notifying the trustees and that they heard about the communications issues in the newspaper.

Tharnish said he had communicated with the JUC about nine months ago, but that at that point the town had not decided which technology to treat the radium issue in the drinking water. He said, "We can definitely give them a call and tell them that's what the decision is, but I get a feeling that they are aware of that portion of it."

Equality of information questioned again
Coopman had requested an agenda item, "Discussion of OCN article, "Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee (JUC), March 14: Still Working Toward Relationship with Town of Monument" (published on April 1). *See www.ocn.me/v17n4.htm#tlwjuc.*

He said his observation was not about the content of

the article. Instead, he asked, "Do we communicate with the JUC? It seems like another pool of experts wanting to participate?"

Tharnish said, "There would be a benefit, but at this time we have no new information we could give the JUC about our (water) reuse plans." He said he would make a formal presentation to the BOT before presenting anything to the JUC, but that was months away.

Coopman then asked Tharnish, "Were you are aware of these concerns (of the wastewater treatment plant)? I had no idea until I read Ms. Hatfield's April 1 article. But I have a letter from the JUC to the trustees dated March 20, that the town answered on April 4, that I did not receive until May 1... This might have been a whole different dialogue response if that information was shared with all the trustees. Transparency, equality of information, it's all I'm getting at."

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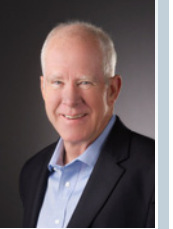
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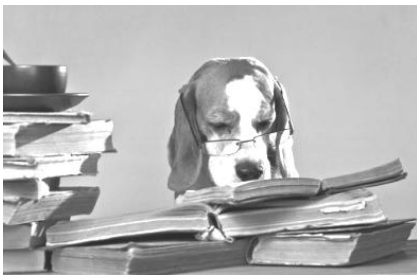
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