

Palmer Lake Town Council, Dec. 14

# Several personnel changes announced

By James Howald

The Palmer Lake Town Council met once in December, on Dec. 14. Mayor John Cressman, Town Administrator Kathy Green-Sinnard and Trustee Glant Havenar were not present at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Rich Kuehster presided over the last council session of the year.

The close of 2017 brought changes to the staffing of the Palmer Lake town government, with two longtime employees leaving their posts, and a new employee, former Triview Metropolitan District Manager Valerie Remington, coming on board as chief financial officer. The council

voted to send the town's budget on to the state of Colorado on schedule, and to give Remington the authority to sign checks. The council also set the 2018 mill levies and replatted three lots owned by local developer Kurt Ehrhardt.

### Berreth and Radosevich leave town employ

Town Lawyer Maureen Juran and Kuehster briefly summarized the personnel changes in the town government. According to Juran, Town Clerk Tara Berreth resigned her position in December. The town issued Berreth a severance check of \$24,500, and Berreth agreed not to sue the town, Juran said.

Remington was authorized to sign the severance check.

Kuehster reminded the council and others present that personnel matters must be kept confidential.

Deputy Town Clerk Bob Radosevich retired in December as well, Kuehster said.

### Budget for 2018 approved

The council voted unanimously to send the town's 2018 budget on to the state of Colorado, in compliance with the deadline at the end of December.

The budget is published on the town's website (<http://townofpalmerlake.com>).

### Mill levies set for 2018

The council voted unanimously to approve a resolution setting a new mill levy of 21.135 mills for 2018. In 2017, the mill levy was slightly higher, at 21.24 mills. According to Juran, the 2018 mill levy was reduced because the valuation of most houses was higher than expected, and the needed revenue could be generated using a lower mill levy.

### Three lots replatted

Ehrhardt asked the council to make minor changes to the lot lines for three lots he planned to develop to make all three lots buildable. Ehrhardt plans to build 1,500 to 2,000-square-

foot houses on the lots, he said. Ehrhardt requested altering the boundary of one lot by 10 feet, to enlarge the adjacent lot by the same amount.

The Planning Commission had already voted to approve the change, and the Town Council voted unanimously to approve the change.

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The two meetings for January will be at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 and Jan. 26 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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Lewis-Palmer D-38 special meeting, Dec. 29

# New members installed; board reorganized



Above: The current Board of Education members are, from left, are Vice President Tiffiney Upchurch, Treasurer Chris Taylor, Director Mark Pffoff, President Matthew Clawson, and Secretary Sarah Sampayo. Photo by Harriet Halbig.

By Harriet Halbig

Following county certification of the November election, the Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education met Dec. 29 to swear in two new members and determine office holders for the coming year.

Newly elected members Tiffiney Upchurch and Chris Taylor were sworn in and signed affidavits of confidentiality during the meeting.

The new officers are: Matthew Clawson, president; Upchurch, vice president; Sarah Sampayo, secretary; Taylor, treasurer; and Director Mark Pffoff.

Also during this meeting, the board certified the mill levy for 2018. Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman explained that the 1999 mill levy override provides \$4 million per year to the district.

The assessed value of property has risen by 7.2 percent, according to information provided by the county and the Colorado Department of Education.

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