

Foreman and Town Human Resources Director Robert Bishop.

Bishop left the meeting early, but Foreman said the negotiations were going well.

Note: However, at the Oct. 1 BOT meeting, the trustees argued at length about how the board should move forward, and several said they were going to file complaints about the procedure used for negotiating with three final town interim town manager candidates chosen in August. See www.ocn.me/v18n9.htm#mbot0813 and www.ocn.me/v18n9.htm#mbot0827 and the Nov. 3 issue of OCN for the detailed story.

Jackson Creek North Metro District service plan approved

Planning Director Larry Manning announced the request for approval of a Jackson Creek North Metropolitan District service plan. Mike Taylor, who represented the applicant, Creekside Developers Inc., explained the plan will finance the cost to design, construct, and install local roads and safety controls in the Home Place Ranch development.

The development is located on the east side of Jackson Creek Parkway and along Higby Road behind the new senior center and storage facility. According to the service plan, the development will include 315 residential units.

Once built, the roads will be dedicated to the town, with Triview Metropolitan District taking responsibility for road maintenance. The service plan authorizes the district to issue \$4 million in bonds. Home Place Ranch home buyers will pay back the bonds via a 15-mill levy on their property. The 15-mill levy will be broken down into 12 mills for debt service and 3 mills for operations and maintenance expenses.

Creekside Developers is asking for approval of the service plan prior to creation of the special district, which will be a subset of Triview Metropolitan District.

The service plan was unanimously approved.

During the meeting, Taylor said Triview is no longer providing funding for local road improvements. He also stated the cost of road maintenance could be taken out of Triview's existing 35-mill levy.

Note: After the meeting, Triview board President Mark Melville contacted OCN to clarify that Triview Metropolitan District is allowed to use the 35-mill property tax revenue only for debt service currently totaling about \$56 million.

Town attorney replacement

At the Sept. 4 meeting, the board asked Bishop to create a request for a contract attorney when then-Town Attorney Alicia Corley resigned. The request for quotes had gone out to 12 legal firms, Smith told the board.

Panhandler shares his point of view

During public comments, Willy Watson spoke to the board. Watson is a 72-year old Vietnam War veteran who panhandles primarily in the Monument Marketplace intersection on private property. He told the board about

vigilantism happening to him. His automobile has been egged and his tires slashed, and he has found dead animals and feces in the spot where he panhandles.

He said he has spoken with the police and feels he is within his rights to panhandle on this site. The board made no comment.

Checks over \$5,000

A check for Forsgren Associates was pulled from the consent agenda and discussed during the meeting. Forsgren was identified by the town auditor Kyle Logan at the July 30 meeting to have tried circumventing the town's process of having checks over \$5,000 approved by the board. Instead, the vendor was sending multiple invoices pertaining to the same project for under the financial limit. During several subsequent meetings, Clark has asked to review these invoices, but Smith has not yet had the chance to deliver these to her.

Clark said she will not approve any more of Forsgren's checks until she sees the offending invoices. There was a heated discussion between Clark and Smith in which Clark was speaking and Smith spoke over her, saying, "I don't care." Later, Smith stated, "I'm not withholding information." She explained that she has invited Clark to her office to review the invoices online rather than taking the time

to get the paper copies, but Clark has refused.

The Forsgren check for \$9,308 was approved 5-1 with Clark voting no.

The following checks were approved in the consent agenda:

- Triview Metro District, sales tax due for July 2018, motor vehicle sales tax due for August 2018, Regional Building use tax for August, \$203,399.
- Pikes Peak Polaris, ATV for sidewalk plowing and park work, \$9,533.
- Treatment Technology, chemicals for water treatment, \$5,951.
- All Water Supply Inc., chemicals for water treatment, \$5,995.
- Schmidt Construction Co., asphalt repairs, \$7,485.
- Schmidt Construction Co., asphalt repairs, \$119,323.
- Forsgren Associates Inc., engineering wells 4 and 5, \$9,308.
- EPS Wastewater LLC, plate settler and clarifier for wells 4 and 5, \$5,173.
- Solitude Lake Management, Procellacor herbicide treatment for Monument Lake, \$5,996.
- NORAA Concrete, street repairs, \$16,724.
- NORAA Concrete, street repairs, \$289,316.
- O'Meara Ford Center Inc.,

2018 Ford F150, \$38,120.

- Jacobs Engineering, planning retainers reimbursement, \$14,415.
- Kubota Steel Tractor Inc., planning retainers reimbursement, \$20,176.

Officer Fiocchi sworn in
Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk seemed delighted to swear in the newest member of the police force. Officer Joey Fiocchi is a 24-year veteran of the Drug Enforcement Administration and will make a fine officer, said Shirk.

October is Arts Month

Andy Vick, executive director of the Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region, read a proclamation citing October as national arts month. Bliss Studio in downtown Monument held an October Arts Month kickoff on Sept. 29 with its iron pour. Other Arts Month events can be found

at www.peakradar.com/categories/artsmonth.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19 due to election processing. Call 884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for BOT or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

Allison Robenstein can be reached at allisonrobenstein@ocn.me.



**COUNSELING
PSYCHOTHERAPIST MA
MARY SENOUR**

Marriage • Family • Adolescents
Substance Abuse • Body Image
Coping Skills • Coaching
Will do counseling by Face Time.
236 N. Washington St., Monument

(719) 331-4312 • Email: senour71@gmail.com

Jim ROMANELLO

MONUMENT TRUSTEE

"Monument deserves leaders who conduct themselves with professionalism and seek solutions that are good for all residents."

Proven Trusted Leadership

www.romanello4monument.com

- Fiscal Responsibility
- Water Planning
- Adequate Infrastructure
- Sustainable Growth

Trish Flake
Sells the Tri-lakes!
719.481.4810
www.trishflake.com

★ 275 Park Street ★
Palmer Lake

Over 3100 SF truly located in the heart of town with 4 beds & 4 baths! Quiet, peaceful setting on cul-de-sac! Open & bright main level with slate and bamboo flooring! Lots of room to spread out in over 3200 finished SF. Bright Kitchen w/granite and pretty hickory cabinets! Spacious master w/en suite bathroom includes soaking tub! Two family rooms! Ah-mazing views front and back! Walk to restaurants, the lake, Art Center & National Forests! Offered at \$425,000

★ 50 Middle Glenway ★
Palmer Lake

4300 SF home less than a block off 'Main Street' in Palmer Lake! Work here, live here or both! Special commercial zoning permits a multitude of uses! Main level features eat-in kitchen, living room w/gas FP, formal dining room, powder room, & two bedrooms w/en suite baths! Upper level w/large family room & two more bedrooms with en suite baths! Basement has a huge family/game room, half bath & giant unfinished storage space! Wrap-around front porch! Offered at \$499,000

★ 0 Fair Street (Mystic Lane) ★
Palmer Lake

Build your dream home, vacation home or even a tiny home on this quiet cul-de-sac in the heart of Palmer Lake! Pick one of three buildable lots in a prime location! Gorgeous views of the Palmer Lake mountains! Palmer Lake offers those seeking an active lifestyle so many recreational outlets including climbing, hiking, biking, snowshoeing & fishing! No covenants or HOA! Town has given a "will serve" on water and sewer taps. Utilities at road!
Offered at \$99,000 (each)