

voted unanimously to adopt the related ordinance. Revised maps will be made available Dec. 7 and will replace the Flood Insurance Rate Map that was already in place. See related Palmer Lake Town Council article on page 16.

**Town manager report**

Smith presented the board with the third quarter financial statements. They included the following:

- General fund revenue was \$127,000 more than budgeted, and expenses were \$30,000 less than expected. This category includes the \$115,000 legal settlement with the town manager.
- Water fund revenues were \$451,000 more than expected in budget, and expenses were \$152,000 less than expected. However, Smith said there are still \$575,000 in expenses to be spent before the end of 2018. Because capital improvement projects (CIP) were not financed with external loans, money may need to be transferred from the water enterprise fund to augment the CIP water fund.
- The CIP Fund for Water is short \$454,000 with approximately another \$213,000 to be expended by the end of the year. There is still \$345,000 in revenue projected, leaving this fund short by

\$322,000 due to lack of financing. This is only one of six capital projects that had been scheduled for 2018.

In the town manager report, the Monument police department stated the following:

- Santa on Patrol has started collecting new unwrapped toys, gift cards, and cash. See Notices on page 28 for details on how to donate toys to this cause.
- There was a robbery at a local establishment by three suspects armed with handguns. Because of this incident, the police department is encouraging the town to write an ordinance, fashioned after Commerce City, requiring businesses with a liquor license to report unlawful or disorderly conduct on their property to the police.
- We are seeing an increase in heroin and guns in our town.

**Checks over \$5,000**

Checks over \$5,000 written since Nov. 19:

- Triview Metropolitan District—2017 property taxes, \$238,014.97
- Triview Metropolitan District—sales tax for Sept. 2018, Motor Vehicle sales tax for October, Regional Building Use tax for October, \$181,602.27

- Forsgren Associates—Well #4/5 Phase 4 construction, \$ 5,667.06
- Colorado Springs City finance—PPRC radio use fee, 5,940.00
- DBC Irrigation Supply—Dirty Woman park bleachers, \$ 5,128.35
- AECOM—engineering for Beacon Lite Road walk improvements, \$ 9,507.50
- Jacob’s Engineering—planning retainers, \$ 10,596.25
- CASCO Construction—bond deposit for fence, \$15,250.00
- MiracleRecreation—playground equipment, \$ 6,315.00
- Law Fence, Inc. —fence for PW/Water facility, \$ 10,340.00

**Former candidate laments lack of water backup**

During public comments, Ken Kimple, a recent candidate for the seventh board of trustees’ seat, thanked residents for voting during the recent election, and said he would continue to serve on the town’s planning commission. “Trustees should check the personalities and agendas at the door and not grandstand at the meetings,” he said.

He expressed concern and frustration over the lack of any backup for water customers on the west side of town in case of emergency. Lack of approving new developments cost the town \$10 million in water tap fees, he said.

Later in the meeting, Coopman responded to these comments, saying the board has pushed for years for an emergency water supply interconnection to an outside water system, but this is never followed up by town staff. Further, he said the board is criticized for not approving water projects when Triview water on the west side is laying pipe “as we speak” next to the Santa Fe Trail. He said the town could partner with them, but

this isn’t in the budget for 2019.

Mayor Don Wilson clarified that there have been public works’ interconnects including requests for a reuse facility in partnership with Monument water, which is the closest facility. The interconnect requests have been discussed as part of reuse facility requests, but those have not moved forward since town staff has explained that other courses of action would be a better use of the money, he said. For example, see [www.ocn.me/v17n7.htm#mbot](http://www.ocn.me/v17n7.htm#mbot).

Kimple also commented on a Nextdoor.com post written by Clark questioning board of trustee candidate’s qualifications for public service without any documentation. Later in the meeting, Clark clarified that her post was based solely on her personal opinion and confirmed she was not writing in any capacity for the town.

The meeting adjourned for the budget workshop, which was also open to the public, at 7:15 p.m. The trustees should hold a public hearing and approve the 2019 budget at the Dec. 3 meeting, when newly elected seventh trustee Jim Romanello will also be sworn in.

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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 Dec. 3. Call 884-8014 or see [www.townofmonument.org](http://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://monument-townco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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*Palmer Lake Town Council, November 8*

## Council focuses on budgets for 2018 and 2019

*By James Howald and Jackie Burhans*  
 At its Nov. 8 meeting, the Palmer Lake Town Council heard a report on the state of its 2018 budget from Town Finance Officer Valerie Remington. Also on the financial front, the council finalized the budget for 2019 it will submit to the state of Colorado by passing a pair of resolutions. The council also voted on two ordinances, and heard from a group of residents and hikers who requested that the council take steps to improve the access to a trail leading to Limbaugh Canyon.

**2018 budget reviewed for the last time**

Remington summarized the current status of the 2018 budget as follows:

- The General Fund has 25 percent of its funds remaining.
- Expenditures are within budget.
- The Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department (PLVFD) is “near where they need to be.”
- The Parks Department is done spending due to the onset of colder weather.
- The Palmer Lake Police Department (PLPD) is “doing well,” despite some large planned expenditures for vehicles,
- The Roads Department will not spend all its allocated funds in

- 2018.
- The Enterprise Fund still has revenues coming in.
- Seven water taps were sold this year.

**2019 budget ready to go to state**  
 The council passed two resolutions, Resolution 15-2018 and Resolution 16-2018, that were required to submit the town’s 2019 budget to the state by the legal deadline. The first resolution contains a copy of the 2019 budget with corrections that the council requested previously, primarily in the area of FICA budgeting, and was passed unanimously.

The second resolution addresses the town’s mill levies, and leaves them unchanged at 21.135. It contains language required for the town to remain compliant with Colorado’s Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR). Council member Mark Schuler abstained from the vote on this resolution, saying he was uncertain about what the language in the resolution actually meant; the other members of the council voted in favor.

**Building codes, floodplains maps documented**

Following a presentation by Virginia V. Koultschitzka and Keith Curtis of the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, the council voted unani-