

dent by Vice President Roger Lance after Lance himself had turned the position down. Hildebrandt said it would be an honor to take on the role of board president. Secretary Michael Smaldino nominated Director Jason Buckingham for the position of board treasurer after Smaldino turned down the nomination. Buckingham accepted the nomination of treasurer.

A director vacancy exists on the TLMFPD board. Applications will be accepted until Oct. 11 at the district administration office. Interviews will be conducted in public at the Oct. 23 board meeting before the board elects a candidate. The required qualifications are listed at <http://tlmfire.org/board>.

**Staffing update**

Deputy Chief Randy Trost said a replacement for the recently vacated position of Firefighter/EMT is underway. Background checks for two applicants are being completed and one out of five candidates has passed the oral board. Firefighter/EMT Ryan Olmos resigned and moved to Boulder in August, creating the vacancy.

**2020 budget draft proposal**

Battalion Chief of Administration/Fire Marshal Jamey Bumgarner presented the preliminary 2020 budget proposing the following considerations:

- Capital Fleet replacement Fund—Bumgarner suggested they begin contributing \$325,000 annually for replacement vehicles every five years over the next 15 years.
- General Capital Expenditure Fund—Bumgarner suggested they begin contributing \$150,000 annually for next 15 years to maintain equipment.
- Attract and retain personnel—by evaluating competitive wage increases and benefits.
- Station 1 remodel for \$1.5 million, of which \$750,000 was previously allocated.
- Maintenance of emergency services—due to the 2017 mill levy increase, shortfalls resulting from the 2019 Gallagher amendment reduction have been absorbed without cutting any other levels of funding.

Bumgarner said TLMFPD is projected to receive \$10.1 million in revenue, which is up \$350,000 from EMS Medicare/Medicaid revenue supplements from the state. Truty said expenses for 2020 are budgeted for \$11.135 million, with a net reserve allocation of \$190,096, for a total of \$11.325 million.

Smaldino suggested consideration be made to forgo allocating excess funds at the end of the year for one-time large ticket items and instead allocating left-over large sums into a fund for a fourth station. Truty said an unusual revenue increase this year will likely leave \$800,000 in reserve, allowing increased savings toward a future fourth station.

Truty asked the board to consider a 2019 budget amendment proposal for unforeseen expenditures that that occurred in early 2019. He also thanked the community for the 2017 mill levy increase and said, "We continue to make significant progress on enhancing and stabilizing our services, including the development of some long-term projects."

**Chief's report**

Truty gave the following updates:

- An investment policy to allow greater returns is still being developed and will be presented to the board in October.
- The Station 1 remodel planning design is almost complete with ground-breaking in January 2020. Concerns over staffing moving out during the remodel will likely create a phased approach.
- Station 1 annexation into the Town of Monument is going ahead.
- TLMFPD, Fountain, and Security will not continue sending ambulances to Colorado Springs in support of AMR until Colorado Springs Fire Department ambulances have been utilized.
- The De-Gallagher ballot question is going for-

ward with issue 6A for the blue book on the November election.

Director of Public Works Town of Monument (TOM)/ Director Tom Tharnish said the proposed fleet maintenance facility is still in the design phase with the TOM senior staff and architects, but bays for the Fire Department are not yet included. The project is likely to break ground in late 2020, more likely early 2021. Truty said the maintenance facility is part of the 15-year master plan and money could be allocated for some type of contribution to the town in the 2021 budget. See [www.ocn.me/v19n9.htm#tlmfpd](http://www.ocn.me/v19n9.htm#tlmfpd) and [www.ocn.me/v19n7.htm#tlmfpd](http://www.ocn.me/v19n7.htm#tlmfpd).

**Fire marshal update**

Bumgarner said that so far, the chipper has been used a total of three days and the next scheduled chipping event will be for the residents of the Fox Ridge/Baptist Road homeowners' association.

**Public comments**

Buckingham thanked TLMFPD for sending its Tower truck 2231 to participate in the Colorado Springs Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial on Sept. 21 at Memorial Park. Thousands attended the memorial service commemorating the 250 firefighters nationwide who died in the line of duty this year.

Colorado Estates resident Becky Zitterich thanked TLMFPD for its support during her HOA's recent chip and slash day. Zitterich said her neighborhood had 75% participation and the event was highly necessary to prevent a future devastating blaze like the Black Forest Fire of 2013.



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**Why does a new elementary school in Jackson Creek matter to you?**

**Where:** Town of Monument, 645 Beacon Lite Road, Monument, CO 80132

**When:** October 08, 2019 from 6:30pm to 7:45pm  
 October 17, 2019 from 6:30pm to 7:45pm

**What:** 2019 Bond Presentation by BOE – 15 minutes  
 Community Q&A – 3 minute discussion for each Q&A

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