

on June 4 explaining the details of the revised proposal. See related June 17 Board of Trustees article on page 14.

Municipal code updates continue

The board unanimously approved zoning code changes to the town's municipal codes for the second consecutive meeting. In 2018, the board stressed the need to update outdated planning and zoning codes. Planning Director Larry Manning asked the board to approve a state Department of Local Affairs grant request in November 2018 for a \$100,000 matching grant to update zoning and subdivision ordinances, which are "out of date and have been modified piecemeal." See <https://www.ocn.me/v18n12.htm#mbot>. Although Manning has not said if the grant has been approved, the department pressed forward with code changes. To see the town's municipal codes, go to https://library.municode.com/co/monument/codes/code_of_ordinances.

New officer takes oath; chief to interview 5

Officer Ryan Koski took the oath of office after completing field officer training in record time, according to Police Chief Jake Shirk. The department intends to hire two more officers after 14 people passed the initial entrance test and five were selected to have interviews with Shirk.

Monument celebrates 140th anniversary

The Town of Monument was incorporated June 2, 1879, and Henry Limbach was the first mayor. It was originally a ranching settlement back in the 1860s but, bit by bit, as storefronts began to pop up, the town grew. Monument Lake was used in winter to harvest ice to keep food cold, and Monument Preserve, or the Mount Herman Planting Station as it was known at its inception in 1907, was a tree farm that provided seedlings to local areas in need of reforestation.

The celebration in Limbach Park included live music, dancing, and sack races on June 15. See photo from town celebration on page 26.

Finances mostly stable for March

Wengert gave the board an overview of the financial state of the town as of March 2019. He made the following statements about the General Fund:

- Revenues, including sales tax collections, have increased \$80,000 or 12% since this time last year.
 - Expenditures are 24% higher than in March 2018, reflecting increased spending in the Police Department for tactical equipment and in Public Works for winter needs such as salt, sand, and gasoline.
- He made the following statements about the Water Enterprise Fund:
- Overall operating rev-

enue is below 2018, which is partially due to water tap fees decreasing by \$40,000.

- Expenditures have remained relatively flat, with a slight \$6,000 decrease.

Wengert added that all other town funds are stable.

Wengert then mentioned there "was no month-to-month budget prepared for 2019" by Treasurer Pamela Smith, but that he would prepare a summary going forward. Smith was placed on administrative leave March 4. See <https://ocn.me/v19n4.htm#mbot>.

Annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo

Kayla Summers, Girl of the West, and Makayla Carrico, Aide to Girl of the West, presented the details for the 79th Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, which will be held July 10-13 at 7 p.m. daily, plus a matinee on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. The parade will be on July 9 at 6:30 p.m. For information and tickets to the rodeo, held at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs, click on PikesPeakorBust.org.

Checks over \$5,000

The following checks were approved as part of the consent agenda:

- Triview Metro District - Sales tax due for March 2019, Motor Vehicle sales tax for April 2019, Regional Building use tax for April 2019, \$142,631.
- Prestige Worldwide Technologies - PRV repairs, \$25,985.
- CivicPlus - website renewal, \$7,900.
- AECOM - Beacon Lite Road walk improvements, \$6,181.
- Common Knowledge Technologies - Warranty Renewal, Fortinet Protection renewal, \$5,606.
- CIRSA - Worker's Compensation Payroll Audit, Workman's Comp Claim, \$6,389.
- Schmidt Construction - Monument Overlay, \$10,581.
- Murray, Dahl, Berry and Renaud, LLP - April attorney fees, \$14,631.

The board went into executive session at 8:27 p.m. to receive legal advice and negotiation strategies regarding the town's

response to Forest Lakes' lawsuit against the town. See <https://www.ocn.me/v19n4.htm#mbot> and <https://www.ocn.me/v19n3.htm#mbot0219>. Once out of the session, the board made no votes and adjourned at 9:33 pm.

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Three Summer Sundays

<p>June 30 12p: Kevin Johnson from Wisconsin 2p: Dave Mensch 6p: Thunder and Rain Food Truck: Witty Pork's Woodfired Pizza</p>	<p>July 28 12p: Fast Heart Mart 3p: Laura Rupejko 6p: Tejon St. Corner Thieves Food Truck: The Stube</p>
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August 25
 6p: John Denver Tribute Featuring
 Cowboy Brad and Tropic Cowboys
 Food Truck: BF Chew Chew

Concerts are in the beer garden. For more details check out PikesPeakBrewing.com
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