

“It’s the idea of losing local control, which we literally got just a month ago,” LaKind added before asking residents to voice their concerns to their state representatives. Romanello proposed that a proclamation be written opposing the initiative, and to encourage the county commissioners to do the same. Kronick asked, “Is there any type of template we can direct to residents?” King volunteered to draft a template. A citizen asked that the Town Council publish information about the high-density laws coming from the state.

Investigation discussed in executive sessions

Both council meetings in February went into executive sessions to receive legal advice from the new interim lawyer on specific questions relating to the report of investigation findings dated Dec. 28. The report made accusations of impropriety and recommended censuring councilmembers and

firing the town manager. Since the findings were released, several decisions were made without legal representation, including moving forward with the elected charter and rescinding the town meetings that publicly discussed details of the investigation. LaKind promised to continue the investigation under his tenure but insisted on setting new legal counsel in place before proceeding. Attorney Cole is advising the Town Council on how to proceed.

The Monument Town Council usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next two regular meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 6 and Monday, March 20. Call 719-884-8014 or see www.townofmonument.org for information. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see [\[townco.minutesondemand.com\]\(http://townco.minutesondemand.com\) and click on Town Council.](http://monument-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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April 22, a Saturday. He recommended that the board finalize its selection of a replacement on April 17 at its regular meeting.

Board Secretary Tiffiney Upchurch commented that the community should be involved in the process.

Somers responded that the process would be finalized at the March 7 board work session. He recommended that there will be an application process during March and public interviews in early April. Public notice of the vacancy will be sent out via Our Community News and the Tribune.

Somers recommended that the interviews be conducted following the April work session, in which case all members of the board

would be present and the public would be welcome to attend.

Once the appointment is made, the new board will elect officers.

In their board member comments, all members thanked Taylor for his leadership and effort in his years on the board.

Financial discussion

Chief Business Officer Brett Ridgway explained to the board how the one-time compensation action was reflected in the use of the general fund.

He explained that February is the low point in the revenue cycle for the district because property taxes are not received until March. Consequently, the district is a bit behind on revenue and expenses.

Board Treasurer Ron Schwarz commented that if the district re-

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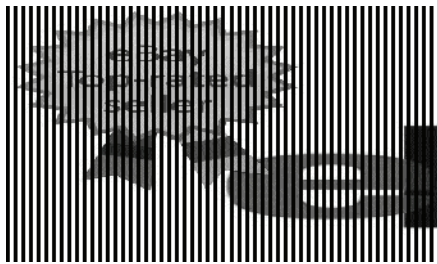
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