

The board approved this distribution.

Betty Konarski, the town’s representative to the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority, gave each of the trustees a copy of the winter issue of Headwaters Magazine, which is published by the Colorado Federation for Water Education (www.yourwater.org). She stated that they should learn about water issues and that Gov. John Hickenlooper declared 2012 to be Colorado’s Year of Water at this year’s annual Colorado Water Congress (www.cowatercongress.org) convention in January. She directed their attention to the project’s brochure that was inserted as its centerfold.

Easton asked Konarski to describe some Year of Water events. She again referred to the brochure (www.water2012.org) in Headwaters. This website has a daily calendar of events related to water for the year. She also said the governor’s goal is to develop the first formal state water policy in the next two years. She represents El Paso County on the planning board for the Flaming Gorge task force that is analyzing how to import water

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Above left: At the April 2 Monument Board of Trustees meeting, new Monument Town Clerk Cindy Sirochman was sworn in by Town Attorney Gary Shupp. **Above right:** Monument Police Department Chief Jake Shirk (right) swore in his newest police officer, Andrew Romano. Also participating in the ceremony (left to right) were Lillian Romano (sister), Dominic Romano (father), Catherine Romano (mother), Julianna Romero (sister), and Denise Perez (friend). *Photos by Jim Kendrick*

to Colorado’s South Platte and Arkansas River basin by 2050, which she said is a necessity that is inevitable.

Konarski said Tri-Lakes is one of the most vulnerable parts of the Arkansas basin because it is so far from renewable surface water and totally dependent on non-renewable Denver Basin groundwater. See www.water2012.org/get-involved.html for more information on how to participate.

As the representative of the Tri-Lakes Views public art site organization (www.trilakesviews.org), Konarski also gave a slide presentation of the 11 art pieces that will be displayed this year on pedestals in this area. Her group has received a \$2,000 grant from El Pomar Foundation and a private donation that will be used for three new public art display pedestals. The artists who will have work displayed this year come from Colorado and Arizona. She thanked the board for its continuing support of the arts.

The board unanimously approved an annual liquor license renewal for Columbine Gardens Restaurant at 481 Highway 105, No. 201.

Staff reports

The board unanimously approved three payments over \$5,000:

- \$22,316 to CIRSA Insurance for second quarter workers’ compensation insurance
- \$14,167 to CIRSA Insurance for second quarter liability insurance
- \$103,536 to Triview Metropolitan District for January sales tax (\$97,404), February motor vehicle tax (\$6,105), and February Regional Building sales tax (\$27)

The board also unanimously approved Treasurer Pamela Smith’s February financial reports. Expenses were less than revenues for the various funds. No debt payments have been made yet this year.

Town Attorney Gary Shupp reported that the Brody lawsuit against the town for encroachment issues on his vacant lot on the southeast corner of Front and Third Street had been “dismissed by stipulation.”

Town Manager Cathy Green announced that the Health Advocacy Program (HAP) is searching for seniors who are isolated and in need of Meals on Wheels service. HAP would like to expand its program and reach people in more distant rural areas who may not know where to go to ask for help.

Green also said there had been good progress in separating Triview Metropolitan District operations from the town staff. Some furniture will be moved on Friday, April 6, to set up a new rear first-floor office in Town Hall for the town employees who will be transferring to Triview for employment. Some holes remain to be filled in the new Triview staff. The goal of shifting all operations by April 1 has been pushed back three weeks.

Trustee Rafael Dominguez asked Green about timelines for landscaping on Second Street and paving of the vacant former Monument Police Department lot on Washington Street.

Tom Kassawara, director of Development Services, said there would be another meeting on striping for Second Street parking spaces on April 5, and the budget for paving the vacant police lot was \$15,000. Site cleanup and grading by Public Works staff should be completed by April 12 to allow a pre-bid meeting and bid process for asphalt contractors to pave the Washington Street parking lot. He said the winning bid will likely be a little bit more than \$15,000, requiring board approval to find the additional needed funding from other budget lines. The landscaping is also in the Public Works budget.

Trustee Tommie Plank suggested that the board consider making a contribution to Tri-Lakes Views for its contribution to downtown vitality. The staff will present a list of options at the next board meeting on how to use the \$1,300 remaining in the board’s contingency fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. Meetings are normally held on the first and third Monday of the month.

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April 3 Monument Election Results

Four candidates ran for three seats on the Monument Board of Trustees in the April 3 mail-in Town Clerk Cindy Sirochman reported the following final results to OCN:

Becki Tooley – 333 elected

Jeff Bornstein - 274 elected

John Howe – 260 elected

Ron Farley – 254

The Tabor Exemption ballot question passed by a vote of 307 (yes) to 204 (no).

Palmer Lake Town Council, March 8

Election canceled due to lack of nominees

By David Futey

On March 8, the Palmer Lake Town Council voted unanimously to cancel the 2012 election, which had been scheduled for April 2.

Economic Development Trustee Michael Maddox was excused from the meeting.

No nominations were received for the six open positions for mayor and council members. Economic Development Trustee Michael Maddox and Fire Trustee Rich

Kuehster are the only council members who would continue, because they were appointed in 2011. The Roads Trustee position has been vacant since Dennis Stern resigned. The mayor is the only term-limited position on council. Mayor John Cressman will complete his second consecutive term in April.

The next election is scheduled for 2014. If any of the present trustees are still active on the council, they will be officially removed at that time unless they are replaced or