Biggs property to help handle the 25,000 vehicles that will arrive for this display, given the lack of downtown street parking. The board asked Brown to meet with the pyrotechnics contractor at Monument Lake to address safety concerns regarding the most suitable launch location and direction and report back to Chief Shirk and then meet again with the board.

Financial reports and updates

The board unanimously approved four disbursements over \$5,000







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- \$20,361 to Faris Machinery Co. for vacuum truck repairs in 2012
- \$22,316 to CIRSA Insurance for first-quarter workers' compensation coverage
- \$14,167 to CIRSA Insurance for first-quarter liability coverage
- \$12,714 to Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority for annual town dues and Transit Loss Model participation

The board unanimously ap-

proved the November 2012 financial statements as presented. Net general fund revenues were \$167,000 more than the amount budgeted. Net water fund revenues were \$179,000 more than the amount budgeted. Net total surplus revenues for all funds through November were \$1.36 million.

Green asked the board to approve a town membership in the Action 22 lobbying group, which has a membership fee of \$350.

After discussion, there was no consensus in favor of her recommendation.

The board went into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 8:40 p.m.

The meeting came out of executive session and immediately adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Monument Board of Trustees, Jan. 22

Treasurer appointed as interim town manager

By Jim Kendrick

On Jan. 22, the Monument Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to appoint Town Treasurer Pamela Smith to also serve as interim town manager after the resignation of Town Manager Cathy Green. Smith was sworn in by Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman and took the town manager position at the dais for the rest of this meeting.

Trustees Rafael Dominguez and Jeff Bornstein were absent from the meeting.

Human resources attorney agreement approved

The board unanimously approved Sirochman's recommendation to approve the proposed agreement with Vaughan & DeMuro Attorneys at Law of Colorado Springs, a partnership of professional corporations, to have this firm become the town's human resources law firm.

Sirochman noted for the record that Vaughan & DeMuro is contracted with CIRSA Insurance, the town's insurance firm for workers' compensation and liability. She noted that Town Attorney Gary Shupp indicated that this will not cause a conflict of interest. CIRSA's attorney also confirmed with Sirochman that there is no conflict of interest. However, Vaughan & DeMuro may have to step aside from representing the town if it files

may have to step aside from representing the town if it files a claim with CIRSA for workers' compensation or liability.

Water rate increase hearing date set



The board set Feb. 19 as the hearing date to consider a water rate increase for the town. After this meeting, Public Works Director Tom Tharnish provided the following rate proposal information to OCN to include in this article:

The Town of Monument posted a notice that the rate increase will be considered during the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road, in the Board Room at the northwest end of the building on the first floor. Public comments will be considered on the proposed rate increase shown below.

Combined residential/ commercial rate proposal

Water use and new rate (service fee not included): 0-6000 gals: \$4.99 per thousand

gals up to 6,000 gals 6,001 - 12,000 gals: \$5.99 per

thousand gals up to 12,000 gals

12,001 – 24,000 gals: \$6.99 per

thousand gals up to 24,000 gals 24,001 + gals: \$7.99 per thousand

24,001 + gals: \$7.99 per thousand gals over 24,000 gals

This information will also be posted on the town's website, http://www.townofmonument.net/, and be mailed as an insert in monthly water bills.

Private clubs amendment to marijuana ordinances approved

Director of Development Services Tom Kassawara said that the board had directed him to



prepare a marijuana ordinance amendment concerning the use of marijuana at private clubs.

The proposed amendment prohibits the consumption of marijuana and/or marijuana-related products at clubs, lodges, and service organizations in both the B and C-1 General Commercial Districts, with wording added to Section 17.36.020.8.

The proposed amendment also prohibits the consumption of marijuana and/or marijuana-related products at public or private membership clubs and health clubs in planned development zones with, wording added to Section 17.40.050 and in Regency Park planned commercial development zones, with wording added to Section 17.43.009.A.24.

There were no public comments on this ordinance. The board approved the amendment unanimously.

Staff reports

Smith reported one disbursement over \$5,000, a payment of \$128,042 to Triview Metropolitan District composed of \$123,002 for November sales tax, \$5,010 for December motor vehicle tax, and \$29 for December Pikes Peak Regional Building tax.

Kassawara reported that he had color plans for review by trustees for new sidewalks that will be installed downtown.

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish reported that:

- The new lift for repairing large trucks in the Public Works garage would be installed in the next two weeks
- A significant water main break had been repaired in Raspberry Lane.
- Two decorative lamp posts on Second Street that were damaged several months ago have been replaced.

Police Chief Jacob Shirk reported that a department officer had been assaulted during a response to an alcohol complaint. Shirk said, "We did win the fight." The suspect was subdued, arrested for assaulting a police officer, and found to have a no-bond felony warrant. The other subject on scene was arrested for felony warrants and providing false in-