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both the elected officials and the town staff. The town manager is both responsible to and an advisor to the Board of Trustees. For complete text, see www.muni-code.com/library/co/monument/codes/code_of_ordinances in Section 2, Administration and Personnel.

Lowe said he's been meeting with the directors and trustees individually and learning more about the town. He said, "It's like drinking out of fire hose," but he hopes to bring the town the best professional service he can.

Water rates and fees increase discussed
Public Works Director Tom

Tharnish, Interim Town Treasurer Pamela Smith, and water engineer Will Koger and water quality expert Elizabeth Betancourt of Forsgren Associates presented a draft of the proposed water rates and fees structure they recommend that the town adopt soon. The town's water enterprise fund, which is supposed to be self-sufficient, has borrowed more than \$400,000

from the town's general fund in the last few years, and the water enterprise reserve fund, designed to pay for unexpected maintenance and capital improvements costs, has been drained and needs to be replenished to \$500,000. The goal of these rate and fee increases would be to make the water enterprise fund self-sufficient again by 2020, they said.

Tharnish said that in 2013,



Above: Chris Lowe was sworn in as the new Monument Town Manager at the Oct. 5 Board of Trustees meeting. The trustees welcomed him and also explained their expectations of him. He said that he hopes to bring the town the best professional service he can. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

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