

ter enterprise fund on an annual basis, presented both at a Board of Trustees meeting and also at the public forum workshop, "the \$5 amount Bornstein refers to eliminates that loss and will make the water enterprise fund solvent immediately. So then we can decide how to move forward as a community."

Lowe said, "I think we have significant direction there." Kaiser summarized that there was no need for a motion or a vote because three trustees, Bornstein, Coopman, and Wilson, a majority of the board members present, had provided direction for staff to prepare an emergency ordinance on which they could vote at the May 2 meeting.

### Process for public comments and agenda items questioned

Bornstein made suggestions about how items are added to board meeting agendas for equal treatment of all who want to participate, "to bring the credibility back to what we do." He said it was not the responsibility of the board to initiate topics for the agenda and that those should come from the public. Coopman and Medlicott agreed that a more formal process was needed.

After the meeting, Sirochman clarified for OCN that the practices currently in place are:

- Agenda items are approved by the town clerk and staff.
- Agenda items including PowerPoints and PDFs are due to the town clerk no later than 5 p.m. Monday, the week prior to board meetings. All late submissions will be placed on the next agenda.
- No digital presentations will be accepted the night of board meetings.
- Public comments are limited to three minutes per municipal code.
- Presentations are limited to a total of 20 minutes; subject to change by board approval, and limited to two presentations per meeting.

Shupp said that public comments are different from agenda items, which go through the town manager, not to exclude items from the agenda but to study them and make them ready for the board's consideration. However, Bornstein, Coopman, and Medlicott wanted more avenues available to the public, going through the trustees, to get agenda items presented to staff to get onto future agendas.

### Town easement in Forest Lakes

The trustees unanimously approved the consent agenda without discussion. If a trustee did have a question about a consent agenda item, he or she could ask at the beginning of the meeting for it to be moved to the regular meeting agenda.

One item approved was the supplemental and amended partial vacation of easements in Forest Lakes, which is

El Paso County, not in the town. Tharnish's memo in the board packet for this meeting explained that, "The partial vacation of the blanket easements in the Forest Lakes District ... insures that the town's interest in potentially drilling a well and having the ability to install the required pipelines, if necessary, to extract the water from underground is not injured. The documents allow for the Forest Lakes District to move forward with building the lots they need yet provides for securing the town's interest in their water rights."

The easements granted to the town in 1984 by a property owner will remain in effect upon Tract D of Filing No. 1 as that site retains some potential for a well site, the memo said. The town also now desires to supplement the partial vacation in order to include some additional land within Forest Lakes Filing No. 2. See <http://monument-townco.minutesondemand.com/> for more information.

The consent agenda also included the following checks over \$5,000:

- Triview Metro District, March sales tax paid, earned from February/March 2016, deduction of overpaid infrastructure fees for 2015 and 2016 – \$107,145
- Forsgren Associates Inc., new water tank engineering – \$5,281

### Appointment of new trustee considered

Kaiser said since Dominguez resigned, and Kaiser vacated his trustee position to become mayor, the town now needed to fill an additional trustee position. He said three applicants had stepped forward by the initial April 18 deadline. Bornstein said he had hoped for more applicants and that he wanted Trustee Elliott present too when the applicants spoke. Coopman said he wanted to hear from the three current applicants but also wanted to extend the deadline for applications to the next board meeting so they could hear from more applicants.

The trustees spent the next 45 minutes interviewing the three current applicants, whose comments included:

- Dennis Murphy – has an operational background and has done Air Force pilot training, served in Vietnam, and had command billets including being a base commander as well as being part of the

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