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Above: Triview Metropolitan District Manager Valerie Remington, left, and board President Reid Bolander presented the “State of Trivier” at the Monument Board of Trustees Jan. 17. This was part of an effort to increase communication between the town and Triview, which is a Title 32 special district within the town boundaries. They outlined the financial and water supply situation and described streets, water, and sanitation infrastructure capital improvements plans. Photo by Lisa Hatfield.

There was consensus to hold joint Town of Monument/Triview board meetings semiannually.

Purchasing ordinance changes continued, again

Town Manager Chris Lowe presented revisions to the ordinance regarding the town’s purchasing policy and informal and formal bidding procedures. This had been addressed already on Nov. 7, but the proposed changes failed by a 3-4 vote. The trustees who voted no then said that the revisions did not address the intention of their suggestions from Oct. 3, such as when and if the board would be consulted on large purchases. See www.ocn. me/vf6n12.htm#mbot1107.


Lowe said the new revisions took the trustees’ requests for more input into consideration. All purchases must be approved by the town manager and current budget. Making the changes would ensure that town staff is correctly approving purchases and contracts, and bidding those that require bidding. “without the process being onerous.”

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