

**MORRISON**

THE NEAREST FARAWAY PLACE!



**HOGBACK**

APRIL 2022

**MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**Mayor:** Sean Forey    **Mayor Pro-Tem:** Debora Jerome

**Trustees:** Katie Gill, Matt Schweich, Paul Sutton, David Wirtz, Ryan Burris

**Board Meetings:** April 4, 2022 and April 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission Meeting:** April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**All meetings are held at Town Hall: 110 Stone Street**



**TOWN STAFF:**

**Town Manager:** Kara Winters    **Town Clerk:** Ariana Neverdahl

**Administrative Assistant:** Debbie Jacobson    **Public Works Director:** Fritz Fouts

**Museum Curator:** Matt Mossbrucker    **Museum Coordinator:** Doug Hartshorn

**Town Office:** 321 Highway 8    **Phone:** 303-697-8749



**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Police Chief:** Bill Vinelli

**Commander:** Jon Manna    **Sergeants:** Michael Gordon, Josh Sweeney

**Officers:** Martin Amezquita, Byron Cline, Adam Hanna, Ariana Isom

**Police Department:** 303-697-4810

**Dispatch:** 303-980-7300

**Jefferson County Sheriff:** 303-277-0211

# THE BOARD WELCOMES CHIEF VINELLI

## Welcome Chief Vinelli!

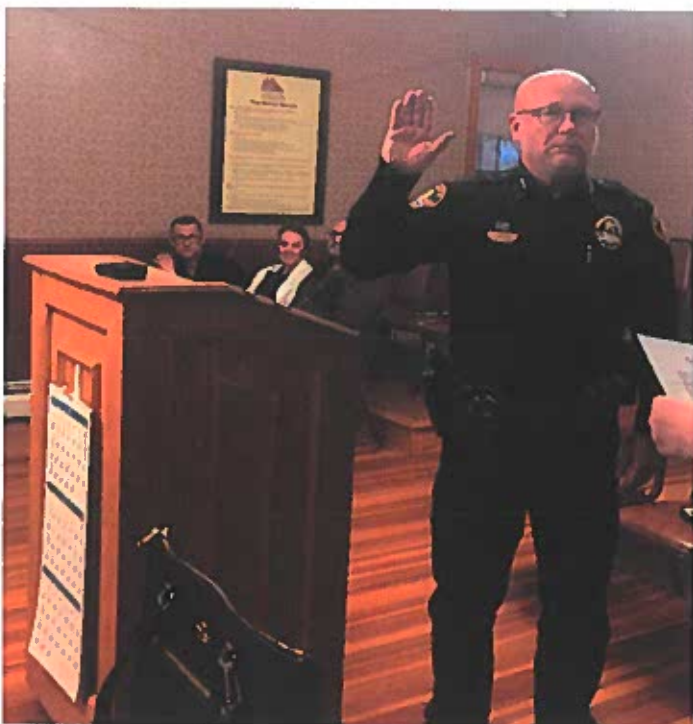
By Katie Gill

Lucky for us, Bill Vinelli chose a career in law enforcement over playing professional soccer. Hailing from Belfast New York, where he grew up, Vinelli attended college on an athletic scholarship and tried out for the Albany Capitals. After receiving a BA in Criminal Justice, he settled in Colorado where he has spent 32 years moving up the ranks of law enforcement. His diverse experience includes serving as a federal air marshal after 9/11, but his feet have been on the ground in Florence, Cañon City and Fort Carson for most of his career. Chief Vinelli is well suited for his new title, having previously served as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant and deputy police chief. He is also an experienced trainer in arrest control, defense tactics, de-escalation, firearms, emergency driving, CPR/first aid and crisis intervention.

Since taking charge of the Morrison Police Department in February, Vinelli has staffed the Department with 2 sergeants, 4 patrol officers and 3 part-time officers. Several of our new officers have previously worked with Vinelli, so the MPD is being built with a close-knit team. After his first 6 weeks in Morrison, Chief Vinelli says, "I absolutely love it." He especially appreciates the welcoming atmosphere and uniqueness of Morrison. One thing that has surprised him is the lack of respect for posted speeds, noting a high number of drivers traveling at 15-25 MPH over the limit along Highway 8.

Outside of work, the Chief's family is his top priority. He has been married for 27 years and has 8 children. His youngest is 15 years old and will finish the school year in Florence where he is active in ROTC, track and field, and competitive gaming.

Please introduce yourself to Chief Vinelli and the MPD officers when you are out and about in Town. They are excited to become a part of our community.



*Bill Vinelli was sworn in as Morrison's new Chief of Police at the March 1, 2022 Board Meeting.*

# MEET THE MORRISON POLICE OFFICERS

The Morrison Police Department is now fully staffed with well-qualified officers who are enthusiastic to serve the residents and businesses of Morrison. While the officers are new to our community, they are not strangers to each other. Most of them have served on the Florence Police Department. Chief Bill Vinelli is the unifying element for the department and the reason these officers decided to make the move to Morrison. We would like for you to know a bit about each of the officers who will serve our Town.

Commander **JON MANNA** is the only member of the Morrison Police Department who did not come from the Florence area. He has lived in Colorado for 33 years and has served on the Morrison Police Department for 23 of those years. He enjoys Morrison for its small town atmosphere.

**MICHAEL GORDON** is one of the Morrison Police Department's sergeants. He is a native of Florence, Colorado, graduating from Florence High School in 2009 where he played lineman for the Huskies' football team and outfield for the baseball team. After high school graduation, Gordon attended college in Pueblo studying Criminal Justice. At the age of 21, Gordon entered the Pueblo Police Law Enforcement Academy and became an officer in 2012. Law enforcement runs in his family with his Dad, Mom, and several aunts and uncles engaged in criminal justice careers. In 2014, Gordon became a full-time Florence police officer. His duties included serving on the K-9 unit and working with police dog, Griselda, in narcotic investigations. He also served as patrol sergeant. Gordon was named Florence Officer of the Year for 2015. He has also earned several Lifesaving Awards and 8 Accommodation Awards for handling critical incidents. Gordon is the proud father of a 4-month-old baby girl and feels that Morrison would be a nice town to raise his family.

**JOSH SWEENEY** is the second of Morrison's new police sergeants, but he is not new to the Morrison area. He was born and raised in Littleton and graduated from Dakota Ridge High School. Sweeney has been married to his wife for 10 years and is the proud father of two children. Sweeney has vast experience in Colorado law enforcement serving on the Burlington and Salida police departments before moving to Florence to be closer to family. In 2015, Sweeney received a Community Service Award from the Florence Police Department. He participated in "Kops 4 Kids" and raised funds to take children Christmas shopping. Sweeney also mentored middle school students and coached sports for Florence High School. Sweeney loves Morrison. "My first job was for Jeffco Open Space in trail maintenance. I have hiked all of the Jeffco trails."

**MARTIN AMEZQUITA** is a native of Florence, Colorado, graduating from Florence High School in 2012. He enjoys Morrison because of the people and how close everything is. Serving in law enforcement was a childhood dream for Amezcuita, and he has made that dream a reality in several southern Colorado police departments. After completing his training at the Pueblo Law Enforcement Academy in 2016, he joined the Cañon City Police Department where he worked for 3 years before joining the Florence Police Department in 2020. Amezcuita loves his work in law enforcement because of the impact he makes on the people he serves. "I have had people that I have arrested for drug possession come up to me later and thank me for arresting them because it got them off drugs and changed their life for the better. I may not be able to change the whole world, but I can make a difference in my corner of the world."



**BYRON CLINE** is a native of Kentucky. He has been married for 34 years and has two sons and two grandchildren. He holds a BA in Criminal Justice from Pierce College in Washington State. Cline served in the Army for 21 years and was stationed in Italy, Germany, Korea, California, Washington, and Ft. Carson. He has been in law enforcement for 17 years, joining the Cañon City Police Department after leaving the military. He served in Cañon City for 5 years before moving to the Florence Police Department. Cline worked as a School Resource Officer. He has earned 2 Community Service Awards for his many contributions to the community. These included the Kops 4 Kids program, which he started with fellow officer Josh Sweeney. He helped raise funds for the K-9 program's medical expenses as well as serving as mentor and coach for Florence students. He is also the recipient of 2 Lifesaving Awards. Cline retired from the Florence Police Department 2 years ago, but re-joined the force recently to make the move to Morrison with the rest of his colleagues. He loves Morrison and thinks it is a beautiful town.


**ADAM HANNA** was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, but his favorite place to be is the mountains of Colorado. He loves Morrison for its beautiful views and easy access to city life. Hanna served in the US Army for 8 years as a Tactical Intelligence Analyst. While in the service he earned an AA in intelligence operations. His military training proved advantageous to his career as a bodyguard in Beverly Hills, California. Hanna provided security for many celebrities including Mel Gibson, Nicholas Cage, and Laurence Fishburne. In 2015, Hanna accepted a position as a law enforcement officer and K9 handler for the town of Greybull, Wyoming. A move to Colorado in 2017 brought Hanna to Lake County where he served as a sheriff's deputy whose duties included patrol, SWAT commander, senior sniper and instructor. Hanna's next move was to the Leadville Police Department as a commander and assistant police chief. In 2020, he accepted a position with the Florence Police Department in the capacity of police officer and instructor. The two great loves of Hanna's life are his two dogs: a wolf hybrid named Shadow and a black Lab named Midnight.

As a child, **ARIANA ISOM** dreamed of becoming a police officer. She has always wanted to help people and protect the community. Isom was born in New York and grew up in Illinois. She graduated from the University of Arizona with a major in Film and TV Editing and a minor in Sports Management. Throughout her life, she has been an avid softball player. Isom loves to go to rodeos and has even competed on occasion. Another passion for Officer Isom is working on diesel trucks. Isom has been in law enforcement for five years. She worked for the Colorado State Patrol beginning in 2017 and transferred from Kremmling to the Florence Police Department where she has served for the past 2 years. Her professional aspiration is to make the world a safer place.

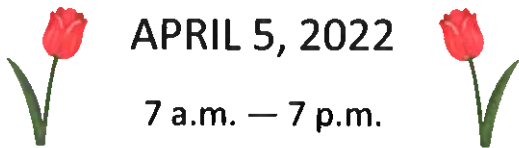
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# April 2022

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## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!



APRIL 5, 2022

7 a.m. — 7 p.m.

TOWN HALL, 110 STONE STREET

### MAYOR

Angela Bernhardt —Chris Wolfe

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sean Forey—Paul Sutton—David Wirtz

Kathleen A. Dichter—Adam Way

## Happy Easter



# Jefferson County Bicycle Plan Update 2022 Public Input Opportunities

*Jeffco wants to hear your thoughts on the County's Bicycle Plan Update.  
Please engage with us through the following opportunities.*

Jefferson County Transportation and Engineering is in the process of updating the County Bicycle Plan and is seeking input from interested members of the public. Individuals can select from the following opportunities based on how much time they have to engage with the project.

For more information please visit: <https://www.jeffco.us/2867/Bicycle-Plan-Update>

## Virtual Open Houses (90 Minutes)

Learn about the Bicycle Plan Update and provide input. Meetings will include presentations and breakout room discussions.

- » Meeting 1: Tuesday, March 29 | 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- » Meeting 2: Thursday, April 14 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

## Staff Office Hours (Up to 60 Minutes)

Project managers Yelena Onnen and Christina Lane will be available to meet virtually each Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Those interested can enter the Zoom call at any time during the one-hour period to ask questions or provide input.

## Public Survey and Interactive Map (10 Minutes)

Only have a few minutes to provide input?

Complete the online survey or use the interactive map to share your perspective!

Meeting links, surveys, and additional information about the project can be found at the link or by using the QR code below.

### Project Website:

<https://www.jeffco.us/2867/Bicycle-Plan-Update>

### QR Code:

