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Rossville village officials end up with unwanted properties

ROSSVILLE—Officials are formulating a plan to deal with ownership of five buildings in the downtown.

Mayor Terry Prillaman said the buildings, at 114, 116 and 118 E. Attica, all in one parcel, as well as 115 E. Attica and a house at 123 E. Attica, were all foreclosed upon, owner Tony McKinley filed bankruptcy and the lender did not want to take possession of them.

With good reason.

Of the five, the house is in the best shape, with a new roof and vinyl siding, new windows and a new furnace that is not hooked up.

Next best is 115 E. Attica, which Prillaman said is sound but requires tuck-pointing and some other work.

The buildings at 114-116 E. Attica require roofing and significant masonry work on the back side, he said.

The buildings came not only with problems but with back taxes, too. The village had to pay nearly \$9,000 in back taxes on the properties.

With no other owner in sight, the village agreed to take the properties. The board met November 6 to discuss the acquisition of the property. "The game plan is to sell the house first," Prillaman said. The potential owner must agree to complete renovations within a specified time period. Minimum price for the house is \$20,000.

The board plans to use that money to possibly make repairs at 115 E. Attica, then sell it, using that money to work on the other structures.

Prillaman, who has sold real estate for many years, said the situation "has been an educational experience." When financial problems hit a property owner and no other entities want the property, "in goes into limbo," he added.

"There ought to be a law that property owners have to carry insurance on a building like they do an automobile so they don't get into this shape," he said.

Program available for disabled people to register to vote

DANVILLE—Vermilion County residents who, due to a disability, are unable to appear in person to register to vote may contact the County Clerk's Voter Registration Hotline at (217) 554-1915 for assistance. The department can arrange for in-home registration services, said County Clerk Lynn Foster. Registration to vote is also available by mail.

The last day for Vermilion County residents to register to vote prior to the Feb. 5, 2008 general primary election under traditional Illinois voter registration is Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008.

In addition, Illinois law provides for absentee voting for people who are disabled or incapacitated. Those who wish to vote absentee by mail should request an application from the county clerk's office as soon as possible

after Thursday, Dec. 27. The voter must mail the completed application back in order to have a ballot sent by mail. The last day on which an absentee ballot may be mailed to a voter is Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008. In-person absentee voting is available at the county clerk's office through Monday, Feb. 4.

Voters who are permanently disabled may request an application for a special identification card that will entitle them to automatically receive absentee ballot applications for every election for five years. The card is renewable. "We have had great success with this program," Foster said.

For further information on absentee voting and the new Automark Voter Assist Terminals, call (217) 554-1911.

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Court Dispositions



October 18
Roger N. Arms, North Vernon, Ind., failed to appear at status hearing; case to be registered with Vermilion County Circuit Court.
Apolinar Solis Jr., Hoopeston, elected to do public service work in lieu of fines; status hearing Dec. 6.
Billy James Carl, Hoopeston, case continued to Dec. 6.
Beau J. Edwards, Hoopeston, status hearing Nov. 15.


Ryan L.J. Bell, Hoopeston, fined \$180 for restraint of dogs by owner or keeper; status hearing Nov. 15.
April A. Yanders, Rossville, fined \$280 for general nuisance; status hearing Nov. 15.
Andrew M. Linares, Hoopeston, case nolle-prossed.
November 1
Tammy L. Uppinghouse, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty


Police News


No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:32 p.m. Tuesday on Market, south of Washington. Police said Jerry D. Disk of Hoopeston, in a 1989 Mercury Sable, hit a 1990 Buick LeSabre driven by Alicia M. Gonzales, also of Hoopeston. Both vehicles were northbound when Gonzales stopped for another vehicle. Sisk was at fault for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. A 31-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone broke into his home in the 400 block of East Washington. A door and window were damaged.

Obituaries

ERVIN - Marti Lynn Ervin, 41, of Rossville died at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, 2007 at St Francis Medical Center, Peoria. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Emergency Room. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.



Weather


Partly sunny today. High 45. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 26. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 47, low 33. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

to disorderly conduct, fined \$180; status hearing February 7, 2008.
Tammy L. Uppinghouse, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to interference with police, fined \$180; status hearing February 7, 2008.
David A. Riley, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to assault; trial to be January 3, 2008.
Anthony B. Borden, Danville, case continued to Dec. 20.



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