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Township officials consider rental fee for assessor's office

A suggestion to charge rent to the Grant/Butler Multi Township Assessment District caused some dissension at Tuesday's Grant Township board meeting.

Since Grant and Butler townships formed the MTAD on January 1, the assessor's office has a separate budget but is still housed in Grant Township's offices.

Supervisor Bill Boose said that while he had not yet checked on per-square-foot rates, he preferred that to splitting expenses, such as electric rates, because the Grant Township Food Cupboard's seven freezers contribute to the bill.

Trustee Rich Thompson said the township's offices only take up about 425 square feet and, compared to the food cupboard's freezers, the assessor's computers and other electronics cause little hike to the power bill. Also, Grant Township makes up most of the assessor's job, with Grant having about 4,200 parcels to oversee compared to Butler's roughly 1,300. "I don't like charging rent," he said. "I don't like it at all. It's just pennies, pennies what it's costing us to run those two little offices over there."

Assessor Susie Sheppard doesn't like the idea either, and wondered whether the assessor's office should charge Grant Township when it answers township

phones or provides information on township programs, such as general assistance. Sheppard also said she doesn't think her office should have to help pay food cupboard expenses and suggested Grant Township and the MTAD should separate. "Grant Township can pay 75 percent of (the rent) and we'll pay a fourth," she said.

Trustee Dale Lithgow said Grant Township would not be paying as the MTAD will levy for the expense.

Lithgow added that if the food cupboard were a taxing body, he would favor charging that group rent, as well but "as it is, it's a public service."

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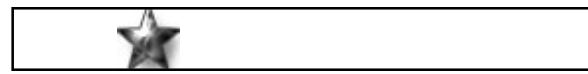
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***Township* continued from other side**

Boose said being on both the township and food cup-board boards “makes it a little awkward” for him. “I’m ok with it either way, as long as (the rent) is not exorbi-tant,” he said.

The issue was tabled until the May meeting. Also tabled was a suggestion for the township to join Vermilion Advantage.

Obituaries

ATWOOD - Andrew J. Atwood Jr., 71, of Kankakee, formerly of Watseka, died December 22, 2009 at his home. Graveside service will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at GAR Cemetery, Watseka. Segur-Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, was in charge of arrangements.

LAYDEN - Lucille G. Layden, 85, of Hoopeston, died at 12:40 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather



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Police News



charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 16-year-old Hoopeston girl who alleged the arrested girl threatened her.

The girl was released on a notice to appear in Hoopes-ton City Court.

Brandi L. Warner, 20, of Hoopeston, was issued a

notice to appear in court on a charge of breach of the peace after a 20-year-old Hoopeston man complained the sound from her vehicle was too loud.

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