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## Trustees fail to override mayor's veto on water project

ROSSVILLE—Despite Trustee Dick Queen's efforts, other trustees failed to override Mayor Terry Prillaman's veto concerning a water main project.

Queen has insisted village employees could install the water main, to run from Attica to Earl Court, saving \$40,000 to \$50,000 of a \$100,000 grant for the project.

On April 7, trustees approved allowing employees to do the work but Prillaman vetoed it at an April 16 meeting.

Queen has lobbied to get the veto overturned, writing letters, talking to residents and having a handout distributed at Monday's meeting.

Queen and Prillaman locked horns at the April meeting and again prior to Monday's vote, with Queen calling Prillaman a "master manipulator" and telling other trustees that employees could do the work for \$12,000 per block, compared with \$25,000 per block from an outside firm and urged the board to "do what is right for Rossville and not Terry Prillaman."

Prillaman responded that the issue is not a personal one to him and questioned why Queen insinuates that it is. He explained that village employees "have a lot on their plate" with regular summer work - including roofing the village office, installing storm sewers and possibly installing radio-read water meters - and that figures Queen provided were proven inaccurate.

Queen countered that Prillaman's figures "really



Newly-elected Rossville trustees Pete Gossett, Charles Cornell and Nancy Null, are sworn in at Monday's board meeting.

stretched the truth," saying contrary to what Prillaman claimed, the village would not have to spend \$3,000 for a time keeper, does not need to claim \$9,000 in equipment depreciation, and would only have to take the difference between employees' regular salaries and the prevailing wage from the grant, not the entire wage.

Queen took a shot at the board then, saying "if this board doesn't override this veto, it's the dumbest board ever."

That prompted Trustee Tia Petersen to say she felt "sad" after her son questioned her about the matter after reading a letter to the editor Queen wrote. Telling Queen she is not dumb, "I'm wanting to stop the name-calling,

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## ***Veto*** continued from other side

if you don't mind," she said.

Trustee Chuck Cornell echoed her sentiment, also asking that the name-calling be stopped.

Queen's motion to override Prillaman's veto was supported by himself and fellow Trustee Dennis Barragree. Voting against were Petersen, Cornell, Pete Gossett and Nancy Null.

"Well, Terry, you got your way again," Queen said after the vote.

In related business, the board is considering a proposal

from S&S Construction of Tolono to do the water main project for \$88,152. S&S was the second lowest bidder when the project was originally bid, said Tom Overmyer of Phoenix Consulting Engineers.

The proposal submitted by S&S calls for the village to provide sand and rock to fill in water main trenches; grade and reseed lawns along the project route; and repair driveways torn up for the work. The board discussed with Overmyer the possibility of the contractor to repair driveways but no action was taken.

Overmyer, and possibly an S&S representative, will meet at 5:45 p.m. Thursday with the board, which may make a decision on the project after receiving figures on how much rock and sand will be needed.

In unrelated issues, the board:

- Approved a July 4 parade request from Rossville American Legion.
- Approved a resolution against a plan by Gov. Pat Quinn allowing Illinois to keep some state-collected money owed to municipalities. Prillaman said the move could cost the village about \$34,000.

- Failed to approve an ordinance suggested by the health and safety committee concerning dog droppings in the village. Committee chairman Cornell and Null voted yes
- Heard from Sherry Decker, owner of Twisted Sisters, about signage and possible Tax Increment Financing money that might be available.

- Discussed but took no action on whether to allow manufactured homes to be located in certain areas of the village. Prillaman said some people have requested to put such homes on some available lots in the village. Currently, village ordinance calls for homes to be built according to standards that excludes manufactured homes.



## **Police News**



**Chase R. Miles**, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 8:13 p.m. Monday to the 400 block of East Honeywell. He was charged with domestic battery and interfering with reporting a domestic battery on a complaint from a 46-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Miles was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Marvin M. Hofer**, 56, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 11:19 p.m. Monday in the 900 block of South Second Ave. He was charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 37-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Hofer tried to get in her home by pounding on her door and yelling at her to let him in.

Hofer was released on a notice to appear.



## **Court Dispositions**



**April 7**

**Perry Carswell**, Hoopeston, new status hearing May 5.

**Jamie Strawser**, Danville, new status hearing May 5.

**Christopher Hofbauer**, Hoopeston, new status hearing May 5.

**Matthew Hofer**, Hoopeston, case continued generally.

**Andrew Cornelius**, Hoopeston, new status hearing May 5.

**Ulises Delos-Santos**, Hoopeston, new status hearing May 5.

**Tonya Edwards**, Hoopeston, fined \$280 in two separate cases at sentencing; status hearing May 5.

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