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Hearing officer reaffirms decision process in expansion

The officer at the original siting hearing of the proposed landfill expansion disagrees with expansion opponents who say the issue can be decided on issues other than fact.

Tom Thanas, officer at the March 3, 1993 siting hearing, issued a written opinion March 24 to mayor Bob Ault and city council members, stating the same rules applied to the siting hearing will apply if the issue is remanded to the council.

"The City Council will sit in what is tantamount to a judicial role on the site approval application," Thanas wrote, adding aldermen "should refrain from expressing a final position on how they would decide the service area issue" because the decision "will be overturned on appeal if the members of the deciding body show a predisposition to a particular side or decision."

At issue is whether the council's original approval of siting was based on need in the intended 31-county service area proposed by Illinois Landfills, Inc., owner of the local landfill.

ILI has requested the existing landfill be expanded from 35 to approximately 120 acres.

Opponents of the expansion have stated that incumbent aldermen could have stopped the expansion and ruled for the expansion based on personal approval of the project. Opponents appealed the council's decision to the Illinois Pollution Control Board, which sided with opponents.

ILI appealed to the Appellate Court, which overturned the PCB verdict. Opponents have appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court, but the court has not yet decided if it will hear the case.

Landfill owners would not comment, issuing a written statement saying "it would be inappropriate

to comment on a matter currently under judicial consideration," and that the company's position "has been stated several times at public hearings in accordance with state law in both Hoopeston and Danville."

Police News



Brian K. Whitney, no age given, of 203 Gilbert, Rossville, was arrested at 5:30 p.m. Monday, charged with reckless driving after he drove too closely to a 14-year-old boy on a bicycle.

According to police reports, the passenger mirror of Whitney's truck struck the youth. Whitney posted his license and was released.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in Tuesday's edition that the tax rate for an expanded library district will be \$17. It will be \$.17 per \$100 assessed valuation. Just the Facts regrets the error.

Obituaries

QUIGLEY - Justin J. Quigley, 23, of Rossville, died Monday, March 27, 1995 in a automobile accident in Lafayette, Ind. Services are pending at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Rossville.

Weather



Cloudy today with a 30% chance of rain. High in the upper 40s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the mid 30s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 45, low near 35.

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