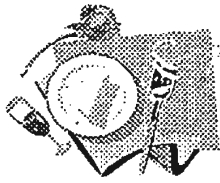


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Troublesome land parcel to get engineering study

ROSSVILLE—Whether a 23-acre parcel of
land purchased by the village last year is a wet-
land will be determined by an engineering study.

At its Monday meeting, the Rossville village
board voted to spend \$2,750 on an engineering
study on whether the land, purchased at auction,
is a wetland.

Results of the study will be given to the U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers, said Mayor Merv
Smith.

The parcel has been problematic for officials
since it was purchased last fall. Residents of the

property complained when the village purchased
the land, saying officials purchased the land in an
underhanded manner when trustee Richard Kiser
contributed to village funds for the purchase.

Also, the land, which includes a pond officials
would like to use to dispose of riprap, was thought
to contain wetland, protected under state and fed-
eral law.

However, Smith said the land does not qualify
and the report will not only prove that, but allow
the village to sell off unneeded property. In fact,

See STUDY on other side

Briefly

Teacher assignments

Hoopeston Area teacher request forms (grades
K-6) are available in each of the elementary
schools. Forms must be picked up between May
15-26. Parents or guardians must pick up forms.
They may not be picked up by students.

(Wet) Royalty named

Jami Smith and Brian Weidenburner were
named king and queen at the 1995 Rossville
prom Saturday night.

The two got a rather wet reception as Mother
Nature dumped water on the Penfield prom-
goers. Students spent 30 to 45 minutes in a dug-
out area trying to stay dry during their senior for-
mal.

On Friday, Rossville emergency officials, in-
cluding the fire, ambulance and police depart-
ments, staged a mock accident simulation for
students.

Also involved were representatives from the
Vermilion County chapter of the Red Cross, Ver-
milion County State's Attorney's office and Ver-
milion County coroner.

Reservations due

Reservations for the Star Lodge #709 AF&AM
Past Masters banquet are due by May 17. Reser-
vations may be made to Dennis David, 283-
5834, days, or Jim Miller, 283-6993, evenings.

Cost for the dinner, to be at 6:30 p.m. May 20,
is \$5.

Petitions to be presented

The Hoopeston city council is tonight expected
to receive petitions with more than 250 signa-
tures, asking that something be done to slow
traffic on South Fifth St.

The petition drive was started by Jim and Betty
Richards, whose granddaughter, Samantha
Phillips, was hit by a car on the street.

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Study continued from other side

he said, the study must be done if officials hope
to sell the land. "You couldn't sell it (without the
study) because of all the publicity we've had,"
Smith said.

Trustee Sherry Ray voted against the study.
"We've already spent enough," she said after the
meeting. "I'm not convinced we're going to get
the OK to sell it, anyway."

In unrelated business, the board tabled a
suggestion that local law enforcement personnel
join the private North Vermilion Gun Range in
Hoopeston.

Membership was suggested by trustee Charles
Cornell, chairman of the village health/safety
committee, which oversees police officers.

Cornell said membership would allow full- and
part-time officers to practice for annual firearms
certification. Membership would cost \$55 for
each of four officers.

Part of the \$55 fee is a \$20 membership in the
National Rifle Association. Cornell said.

Trustees questioned whether the village could
pay for four gun range memberships without list-
ing officers' names should any part-time people
quit.

However, trustees added, they could not do the
same with NRA memberships.

Trustee Tom Mills moved to join the range, but
no trustee seconded the motion.

In other business, trustees:

☐voted to purchase a fence for the east side of
village property. Smith said residents east of the
village office drive on village property to reach
their back yard. The fence would eliminate that,
he said. Cost of the four foot high fence was not
available.

☐approved using Attica St. for Fourth of July,
Labor Day and Oktoberfest activities sponsored
by the Rossville Merchants Association.

☐approved a request from the CSX Railroad to
use a mobile home as an office at the end of
Gilbert St., pending zoning board approval.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
May 11, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Kenneth Collins, Hoopeston.
May 12, 1995

Admitted: Edna Richardson, Hoopeston; Terry
Bell, Henning.

Discharged: Lary Swim, Hoopeston; Vera
Ahlden, Milford.

May 13, 1995

Admitted: Theresa Powell, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

May 14, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Gertrude Yarno, Hoopeston.

Police News



Jose Torres, 818 E. Young, reported Sunday
that someone took several pieces of jewelry from
his home.

Obituaries

GREGOIRE - Margaret A. Gregoire, 53, of
Hoopeston, died at 1:20 a.m. Monday, May 15,
1995, at her home. Funeral services will be 11
a.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church.
Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation
will be 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Brown-Alkire
Funeral Home. Memorial contributions are sug-
gested to the scholarship fund at the Danville
Area Community College School of Practical
Nursing, Danville.

Weather



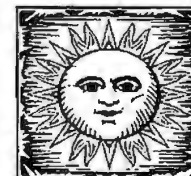
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