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Bookkeeping errors, adjustments cause variance in books: auditor

ROSSVILLE—Discrepancies in village financial statements, questioned by a citizens group, are minor bookkeeping errors, according to the village auditor.

Phyllis Parks of Daughhetee & Parks, a Danville accounting firm, said at Monday's village board meeting that some year-end adjustments were not entered by village employees, resulting in variances between financial reports generated before the adjustments were made and those generated later.

Members of RORR - Residents Organized to Reform Rossville - questioned why two March treasurers reports exist and why numbers in the reports vary.

Parks said at the end of each fiscal year, adjustments to categories such as accounts payable and receivable, as well as depreciation and prepaid categories like insurance, must be made so financial books come out in order. "Over the past few years, some entries were put in

and some were not," Parks said. Also, she added, computer program upgrades were partially responsible for problems.

On May 1, Parks explained, the village system was redone, with balances supplied by the accounting firm. Transactions have been recorded since then and are accurate, she said.

A \$750 difference in March between an invoice and matching check written to Danner Construction for \$9,633 and a bill for \$10,383 for the same period resulted from a split appropriation, what village attorney Steve Miller called "multiple payments for multiple bills in the same line items."

Further confusion is added to village financial reports because of the time difference between reports presented at each board meeting and those generated at the end of

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Briefly

Street corner collection total

Hoopeston area residents donated \$1,639.22 in Saturday's street corner collection for the United Fund of Grant Township.

Volunteers from agencies receiving money from the United Fund collected from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The total is down from last year's street corner drive which totalled \$1,926.

Other aspects of the drive will begin Oct. 1.

Attention bowlers

The Tuesday Night Classic League has openings for two teams this year. This is a four-man scratch league with total team average not to exceed 773.

Interested bowlers are urged to attend a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Lanes. For more

information, call Doug Wagoner, 283-6541 or Mike Dean, 283-9608 or stop by 10 Pin Alley.

Music Booster meeting

The Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21 in the chorus room. All interested parents are urged to attend.

Rossville Neighborhood Watch

An organizational meeting for a Rossville Neighborhood Watch program will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the village office.

Police chief Paul DeWitt will present an overview of the program, answer questions and organize residents for the group.

For more information or to arrange a ride to and from the meeting, call the village office at 748-6914.

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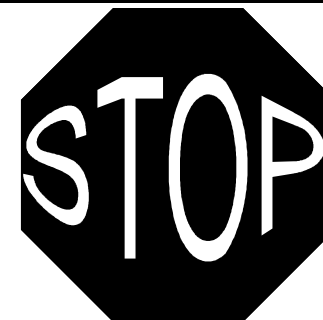
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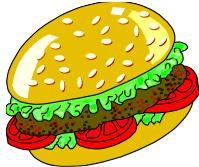

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Auditor continued from other side

each month when all revenues and expenses are tallied, said deputy clerk Denise Matthews.

Matthews said had trustee William Galloway asked her about the difference, she could have explained it. “If he would’ve come to me and asked, I would’ve tried to find the answer.”

Reviewing village records, Parks said she found “nothing wrong that would’ve concerned me at any time.” Year-end adjustments are “very common,” she added.

Miller said the audit does not reflect money allegedly taken by former clerk Kathy Roark.

Missing funds, which allegedly include a check written as reimbursement for a seminar Roark did not attend, would not show up in an audit, Miller said. “(Parks) would have had to conduct a criminal

investigation,” he said. “She’s not qualified to do that.”

Roark is expected to appear in court Aug. 25 on charges of theft over \$300, obstruction of justice and two counts of official misconduct.

Although some RORR members requested a more in-depth paper trail audit, that procedure will not be done, Miller said.

“There will be no greater investigation,” he said. “There are no unexplained matters at this time.”

In unrelated action, the board approved cleaning and resanding one sand filter at the sewer treatment plant.

Cleaning was estimated at \$2,000, but the total cost is unknown because the exact tonnage needed to fill the filter will not be known until the filter is cleaned, said Galloway.

Trustee Tom Mills voted against the issue, citing

unknown costs.

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Chris Pearson as village clerk, replacing Roark who resigned earlier this month. Pearson was hired as village collector, a job Roark previously held.
- Appointed Matthews as deputy clerk and collector.
- Approved the Vermilion County ESDA using part of the village for urban ground search and rescue practice on Aug. 23. Residents in the area bordered by Thompson, Gilbert and Church streets and the railroad tracks, will be notified of training exercises.
- Learned gas bills will probably be lowered at next month’s meeting.
- Rezoned two lots in the 100 block of East Attica from R3 residential to B1 general business and granted an approved use for 203 Maple, owned by Terry Prillaman of Illiana Real Estate.
- Accepted bids totaling \$9,633 from Danner Construction for an overhead door, keypad, installation and concrete pad for a village shed.

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Police News

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No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:35 p.m. Sunday in the 500 block of West Penn.

Police said Debora L. Green, 37005N 1650 E Rd., in a 1993 Buick, backed from a driveway and hit a 1987 Dodge driven by Megan A. Bowers, 611 E. Penn.

Brad M. Crozier, 16, of 430 W. Washington, was ticketed for disobeying a yield sign after an accident at 5:20 p.m. Sunday.

Police said Crozier, in a 1994 Chevrolet, was

northbound on North Sixth St., ran the yield sign and hit a 1988 Buick driven by Mardenna McCalla, 923 W. Washington. McCalla was westbound on East Young.

Three people were arrested at 9:10 p.m. Sunday, charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by minors.

Arrested were Joshua W. Morgeson, 17, of 812 E. Young; Jerry L. Hargrove, 19, 215 W. Elm; and a 15-year-old boy were given notices to appear and released to adults.

Margaret Cope, 602 S. Fifth St., reported Sunday that an unidentified vehicle drove on the grass behind Hoopeston Area High School, spun its tires and cut doughnuts, damaging the turf.

Cope reported that the car shut its lights off before going on the grass, then went south, still without lights.

A boy’s orange and black Murray After Burner dirt bike was found Monday at Parkview Court. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

In the Hospital

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Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Aug. 14, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Dorothy Hendricks, Rankin.

Aug. 15, 1997

Admitted: Florence McCalla, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Aug. 16, 1997

Admitted: A Chi Yu and Richard Swope, Hoopeston.

Discharged: John Rossey Sr., Hoopeston.

Aug. 17, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Harold Dice and A Chi Yu, Hoopeston.

Weather

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Partly cloudy today with a chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid 70s. Tonight, continued chance of rain. Low in the mid 50s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms. High near 85, low near 64.

Classifieds

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