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## Taxing districts approve TIF district qualifications

Representatives from local taxing bodies unanimously approved the qualifications for a proposed tax increment financing (TIF) district in Hoopeston.

A joint review board, comprised of representatives of local taxing districts, met Monday morning with city officials and Eric White of Economic Development Resources, a St. Louis-based consulting firm.

The firm has worked with city officials to develop the TIF plan.

Members of the joint review board include Mayor Bob Ault, representing the city; Mark Conolly representing the Hoopeston Public Library district, Don Dean of Hoopeston Area Community Unit School District 11, Carol Flint representing Grant Township and Tim Drollinger representing the Vermilion County Board. Bill Goodwine was appointed as the at-large member of the board.

Dean questioned how the school district would be affected by the TIF which freezes tax money to taxing districts at current levels. Increases in taxes will go into a TIF fund which city officials will oversee.

White said schools would not be penalized under the plan. First, he said, two schools—John Greer Grade School and Hoopeston Area High School—are incorporated in the district, making them eligible to receive money from the TIF fund. Second, he said the \$14.25

## Fire destroys Hoopeston home

Hoopeston firemen were called at approximately 10:50 a.m. Monday to a house fire at 822 W. Main.

The fire caused extensive damage to the home, owned by Wallis and Betty Wisdom.

The couple was not at home at the time of the fire, according to reports.

Further information was unavailable at press time.

million budget includes approximately \$1 million for capital improvements for the schools. Finally, he said, the district will receive extra state aid to make up for the loss of tax revenue.

Dean disagreed that the district will see more state aid. "I don't know who told you that but that's a gross error," he said.

After the meeting, Dean explained that the district will not receive additional money for students, but that since property values are figured into the state aid formula, the state may pay a larger percentage of the \$4,300 per student if property tax dollars are lost.


While the district may receive TIF money, it will only be if schools are affected by the program, White said. "It can't be 'I'm feeling generous so here's some extra money,'" he said. Also, he said, the city may not legally agree to funnel TIF money to the school district or any other taxing body. "The lawsuits are head high from playing (that) game," he said.

White said school districts are the taxing bodies most often expressing reservations about TIF. While other groups such as township and county government receive property tax money, school districts usually receive the largest percentage. "It's simple math," he said. "The school district has the biggest piece of the pie."


Asked by Conolly, Hoopeston Area superintendent, what the "dark side" of TIF is, White said the downside for school districts is when they are at the maximum number of students and more students are enrolled due to TIF.

White outlined the city's proposed TIF district, stretching from Route 1 on the west to farmland east of Euclid and from Route 9 on the south to Stokely property on Sixth Ave. to the north.

See TIF on other side

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## Obituaries

**ISRINGHAUSEN**—Wayne L. Isringhausen, 64, of Hoopeston, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000 at home. Graveside services will be at 10 am. Tuesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**MICHELS**—Lillian D. Michels, 91, of Milford, died at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000 at Manor Care Nursing Home, Kankakee. Funeral services will be pri-

vate. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**WILSON**—James C. Wilson, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 3:40 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2000 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 9-9:45 a.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral

Home.

**YADEN**—Cecil L. Yaden, 72, of Hoopeston, died at 2:20 pm. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Antioch Church of Christ 37605-B N 1900 East Rd., Rossville, IL 60963.

## Briefly

### Sweetheart Banquet

The Hoopeston Area High School Drama Department, S.A.A.D., Authors' Society and Student council are sponsoring the ninth annual Senior Citizen

### Police News

**William R. Dilts** of Hoopeston was arrested at 5:35 p.m. Sunday, charged with disorderly conduct after an altercation in the 800 block of East Seminary.

He was released on a notice to appear.

### TIF continued from other side

He then explained why the area qualifies for the program, saying 84 percent of the 481 buildings in the proposed district are more than 35 years old. Of those, many have physical deterioration, are vacant or meet state guidelines for obsolescence.

While planning for the maximum amount of time allowed, White said the TIF plan could be implemented in less time. "If all the developers were in the wings and everything was in place, it would be shorter, much shorter," he said.

If no development is seen in the TIF area within seven years of its formation, the program will be abandoned. "You can't just sit thee and collect the natural increase," he said.

The joint review board will meet annually for three years, then every three years after that for the life of the TIF program. The board may meet more often at the request of any member, White said.

Sweetheart Banquet.

The event will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 in the high school gym.

Any Hoopeston Area senior citizen interested in attending is asked to call (217) 283-6668 and leave their name(s) and how many will be attending in their party. The deadline for registering to attend the event is Feb. 1.

### Nurses' coffee

The monthly nurses' coffee will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2 at the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital cafeteria. All area nurses are invited to attend.

### In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital  
Jan. 27

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Ronald Leverenz, Michael Dowell.

Jan. 28

**Admitted:** Charles Sanders, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Jose Torres.

Jan. 29-30

Nothing to report

### Weather

Mostly cloudy, chance of flurries today. High 25. Tonight, clear. Low 5. Tomorrow, sunny. High 27, low 15.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

### Class reunion

The Hoopeston High School class of 1960 will hold a reunion organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Compton's Bar & Grill.

All class members are welcome.



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