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sidering a vote taken nearly a year ago.

On Jan. 15, the board voted 4-2 not to allow a zoning ordinance amendment that would create a special use permit allowing a fire station to be built in an R-1 residential area. The current board on Friday held a public hearing to gather the opinions of residents.

Hoopeston attorney William Nelson, representing Mr. and Mrs. Ed Perkins and Jim Smith, was the first to speak, and said the hearing was not part of the village's procedures and should not go forward. He then outlined the history of the case, starting two years ago when the Rossville Fire Protection District requested a zoning change on approximately three acres on the east side of Chicago St. on the north edge of the village.

After the board's Jan. 15 vote, the fire district took the matter to court, filing suit against the board. The issue,

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Music Booster winners

Winners in this week's Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Dec. 17, Angie Schieler; Dec. 18, \$100 concert winner to be announced; Dec. 19, Georgia Boose; Dec. 20, Tracy Verley; Dec. 21, Zarate's Market.

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Rossville shuttle; Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville.

For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday,

ladies cards, noon.

matter," Nelson said.

Teen Reach activities for the week are: Monday, Dan Bolton, resolving conflicts; Tuesday, arts & crafts; Wednesday, Larry Smith, career choices; Thursday Christmas party, caroling; Friday, early dismissal, movies/karaoke.

defend that lawsuit because you couldn't afford it," Nel-

son told trustees, reminding them it is their responsibility

The gist of the suit is that the village board cannot tell

another governmental body "where to put "a fire station

Instead, the Perkins and Smith became part of the suit,

"trying to uphold what you as a board, have done in this

Nelson also questioned the need to reconsider and

Perkins and Smith also addressed the board. Perkins

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said his first concern was a proposed community center

wondered when the process would end. "You cannot

continually go back," he said. "Where do you stop?"

or a sewer plant or a dog pound," Nelson said.

Meetings

• Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.

• Rossville-Alvin School Board, 7 p.m. Monday, high school library.

• Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall

• Hoopeston Area School Board, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, high school library.

 Rossville-Alvin School Board negotiations committee, 5:30 p.m., grade school library.



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Donald L. Muck, 32, of 735 N. Market, turned himself in to police at 4:25 p.m. Thursday. Muck, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant, was released on \$300 cash bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:05 p.m. Thursday in the 500 block of East Seminary.

Police said George E. Goodwine of Hoopeston, in a 1977 Jeep, backed into a parked 2000 Dodge Caravan owned by Armstrong High School, Armstrong.

Two people were arrested following a traffic stop at 11:48 p.m. Friday at Sixth St. and Thompson.

Police News

Dustin W. Leslie, 18, of 924 W. Washington, was charged with driving under the influence, driving under the influence over .08, improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcohol. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

Also arrested was Juan J. Acosta, 20, of 322 N. Front, who was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol. He was released on a notice to appear.

A walking cane was found Saturday on North Fourth St. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at

6:47 p.m. Saturday at 610 W. Elm.

Police said Robert J. Wallace of Hoopeston, backed a 1994 Plymouth Voyager from his driveway into a parked 1985 Chevrolet Celebrity owned by Sue A. Reed, also of Hoopeston.

Titus T. Barber, 23, of 1736 Colorado Dr., Apt. 202, Urbana, was arrested at 1:22 a.m. Sunday.

Police were called to the 500 block of Wyman on a disturbance call and found Barber, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear for a jury trial.

Barber was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of \$5,000 bond.



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Goodridge

Several residents spoke in favor of a new fire station. Some agreed with the planned location; others had no opinion. Most agreed the fire station should be kept in village limits, providing a higher fire rating and lower insurance costs for residents.

Prillaman suggested the issue was being blown out of proportion. He reminded residents of the war in Afghanistan, the bombings of the World Trade Center and Pentagon and the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania "and here we are sitting here fighting over a fire station," he said. "100 feet one way or the other isn't going to make much difference." he said.

The Rossville Village Board is expected to discuss the issue at its meeting at 7 p.m. Monday. The meeting will be held in the village office and is open to the public.

Weather

Mostly cloudy, chance of showers, thunderstorms today. High 46. Tonight, rain ending. Low 36. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 46, low 35.

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

New Books at the Library

Non-fiction:

Kovel's Depression Glass & Dinnerware Price List by Ralph M. Kovel The Scholarship Book 2002 by Daniel J. Cassidy

Zoning continued from other side

and that he did not want to have weddings and other social events held directly north of his home. During the course of the imbroglio, Perkins has tried to sell his home but a potential buyer refused to purchase the home until the issue is settled. "I can't even sell the house and get out," he said. "I'm just trying to protect my property and my rights."

Asked whether he will continue litigation, Perkins said that answer depends on whether the village accepts a compromise proposal.

Nelson said his clients offered the solution of moving the proposed fire station one acre north of suggested location. Not only would this separate the station from homes but it would also solve a potential drainage problem and provide easier access from Rt. 1.

That land is not part of the village but falls within 1.5 miles which would give the village zoning control, said Mayor Terry Prillaman.

The property is currently not for sale but Prillaman said someone suggested earlier Friday that the fire district take the land by eminent domain, getting a site for their fire station and reducing the cost involved in the project.

The Hand of God by Michael Regan, ed. The Flea Market Shopper's Companion by James The Legend of ALLTEL by David A. Patten