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## TIF attorney to discuss TIF situation before Dec. 2 meeting

Hoopeston officials and residents can learn more about the city's tax increment financing (TIF) problem at a special meeting Dec. 2.

Bloomington attorney Tom Jacobs, the city's TIF attorney, will speak at 6 p.m., said Mayor Chalmers Flint at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Jacobs is expected to speak for about 45 minutes and will be followed by the regularly-scheduled council meeting.

Jacobs, along with city and county officials, met Nov. 5 in Danville to discuss overpayments made to the city of more than \$111,000. The meeting also included discussion on 152 parcels of land that were incorrectly included in the TIF district, another 35 that were omitted, 14 parcels that had not been annexed to the city and more, including Hoopeston Plaza, that had no base value listed.

At that meeting, officials opted to reduce the amount of Hoopeston's increment next year rather than have the city repay the money this year. Taxing bodies

that had individual funds at maximum tax rates will receive reimbursements for tax money they should have received. The balance of the overpayment will be refunded to tax payers through somewhat lower tax rates.

In unrelated action, the council:

- approved purchasing a 2001 John Deere backhoe for the street/alley department. A 1973 backhoe will be traded in, with a value of \$9,500. Purchase price is \$43,750 from Martin Equipment in Tolono.
- amended an ordinance to allow the street superintendent or city council designee to name one-way streets and alleys in the city. Researching a request to make the alley behind Monical's one-way, city attorney William Nelson discovered the city did not have an ordinance covering who may designate roadways as one way.
- learned from Flint that values on former railroad property running east and west through the city may be available as soon as next week. The property, abandoned by the railroad and given to the city, will be

## Rossville board approves zoning for new bed & breakfast

ROSSVILLE—A new bed and breakfast will be open soon in the village.

The village board on Monday following a zoning board recommendation and approved a special use permit for Terry and Sharon Prillaman to open a bed and breakfast at 409 S. Chicago.

The business, still in the planning stages, is not expected to open until spring, Mrs. Prillaman said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

In unrelated business, trustees:

- approved a \$6,275.50 bid from Chris Craig of Mahomet for the villages' 1983 dump truck. Eleven bids were received for the truck.

- learned a program on drugs and methamphetamine will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 24. The program is set to be held at the village office. However, if the crowd is large, it will be moved to one of the schools, said trustee Vic Lackey.

- approved paying half of a bill submitted by ERH Enterprises for vacuuming the storm sewer line. Officials said they were unaware the company, which oversees the village sanitary sewer system, was charging for its services. The total bill was \$1,185.57.

- approved the purchase of two taser guns for the police department at a cost of about \$1,600.

- learned the gas price will remain at 74 cents

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Winner of earlier Budweiser Classic traveling bowling tournament defeated in Sunday competition at Pla-Mor Lanes

What a difference a week makes. Bill Reick, winner of the Nov. 8 Budweiser Classic bowling tournament at Ridge Farm, was eliminated in early competition Sunday in this week's edition at Pla-Mor Lanes in Hoopeston.

In its third stop of the year, 48 bowlers turned out Sunday. After the four-game elimination, the finals were held on the high and low side.

On the low side, #5 Chris McMahon eliminated

Hoopeston's Nick Gonzalez 165-124, then was narrowly eliminated by Reick 149-148. Reick lost to Don Miller, 204-141, who in turn lost to Mark New, 182-167.

On the high side, fifth seed Ron Candido lost to Jason Turner, 165-162, who went on to beat Brandon Hamilton, 205-190. Jerry Sims, the #2 qualifier of the morning session found the lanes to his liking with a five 243-165 victory and a chance at top seed and tourna-

ment leader Charlie Varner. Varmer defeated Sims 224-193 for a chance to gather the top prize of \$250.

In a very close match, New needed to spare in the tenth frame to shut out Varner but left a possessed Varner the chance by missing. Varner then threw a

Santa to make first appearance in Hoopeston on Nov. 22

Santa will make his debut in Hoopeston this year during a parade at 11 a.m. Nov. 22.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at Hoopeston City Hall and will travel down Main St. to the Lorraine Theatre. From the parade, Santa will go to Tater's Restaurant where children may have pictures taken with him for \$3. Free hot dogs, chips and hot chocolate will be furnished compliments of Price Less Foods and band and choral students will perform holiday music.

A matinee will be shown at the Lorraine Theatre. A limited number of free tickets are available from Nov. 19-21 at Community Bank, Iroquois Federal and Capstone Bank. The free tickets were made possible through donations from the banks, the American Legion and Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce. Free popcorn

Euchre to start at Legion post

The Hoopeston American Legion will host euchre games each Wednesday starting Nov. 19. Play will begin at 7 p.m. The post is at 502 E. Penn. For more information, contact Dennis Carter, 283-

strike and spare to win 193-188.

On Nov. 8, Varner went down to Reick with a roll-off after a 190 tie. Reick won an earlier two-frame roll-off against Cory Schmit after the men tied at 192.

The tournament next goes to Lincoln Lanes An-

will be given away at the matinee, compliments of the Lorraine Theatre.

The date is also the kickoff of a promotion featuring area businesses. Throughout the few weeks until Christmas, the Chamber is sponsoring a crossword puzzle contest with prizes from area businesses. More information on the promotion will be available in local media.

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### Obituaries

**BRUENS** - Maurine E. Bruens, 70, of Hoopeston, died Sunday morning at home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

### Weather

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