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Plans for development at Rtes. 1 and 9 unveiled at hearing

CVS Pharmacy will get a new building with more floor space and a drive-through in development plans for the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9.

The plans were unveiled at a public hearing Tuesday night.

Gallagher Commercial of Chicago drew up the plans, which were presented by Tom Lowe of the firm. The company will handle permitting and construction and then sign long-term leases with tenants, Lowe said.

The design calls for a 10,000 square foot building for CVS Pharmacy, along with space for a 22-unit motel and a section for five or six smaller tenants, including a fast food restaurant.

Asked whether the restaurant would be one already in Hoopeston or an addition, Lowe said discussions are ongoing with both.

The plan was submitted to the Illinois Department of

Transportation, which gave preliminary approval to the entrances off the highways, Lowe said. Many current entrances will be eliminated, replaced by one off Rt. 9 and as many as three from Rt. 1, Lowe said.

Gallagher Commercial is "trying to adhere to a pretty aggressive time frame" with construction beginning as early as this summer.

In related action, the city council, at its regular meeting after the public hearing, approved annexing the former Baer Motel property, contingent on finalizing the sale of the property to the developer.

Local contractors could be used for at least part of the project. Lowe said he has spoken with at least two local contractors about pricing issues.

Mayor Chalmers Flint said locals, as well as contractors from Indiana, Chicago and other areas, have ex-

See DEVELOPMENT on other side

Briefly

Hall of Fame meeting

A Hall of Fame meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at Pla-Mor Lanes. All ABC/WFBC members are invited, as well as Hall of Fame members.

Benefit

A benefit will be held beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 for Lucas Davis. Davis was injured in a car accident in October 2003.

The event will include music by Maui Club, auction hosted by Dave Barker and a 50/50 drawing.

Food will be available, including BBQ, potato chips potato salad and baked beans. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and younger.

Girls Softball meeting

Hoopeston Girls Softball Association will hold their first meeting of the year at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at Hooterville Junction. The group will discuss a reorganization and also meet the new executive board, President Nolan Gonzalez, Vice President Dean Grimes, Secretary Misti Kaag and Treasurer Jennifer Baughn.

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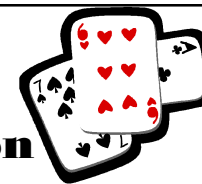
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Rossville board grants special use permit for fire station

ROSSVILLE—The Rossville Fire Protection District may have a new home by summer.

The Rossville Village Board on Monday approved a special use permit for the district to build a new fire station on former farm property on the village's north side.

The board vote concurred with a zoning board recommendation to allow the special use permit.

Firemen will now work to get specifications for

bids and try to find financing, said Fire Chief Lloyd Smith.

When the fire department first applied for zoning in December 1999, state grants were available to help with construction costs. "Now it doesn't look like there's any money there," Smith said, adding the district may have to borrow money to pay for the building.

Getting from wanting a new station to approval for one has been a long process. After the department first requested a zoning change, some residents in the area fought against the fire station, saying it would lower property values of surrounding homes. Department representatives said the structure would fit in with houses in the area and would not decrease home values.

In other action, the village board approved raising gas prices 10 cents per therm to 84 cents.

Development continued from other side

pressed interest in demolishing the former motel.

Flint said he will hold a pre-demolition meeting at 10 a.m. Friday. Demolition bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Jan. 26.

In unrelated action, the council:

- approved accepting a state bid of \$14,786 for a new Ford F-150 truck for the street and alley department. A 1997 truck will be given to the police department for use by the humane officer. The city received \$3,500 from insurance on the old humane officer's truck which was involved in an accident.

- amended building permit fees to half of a percent of the estimated construction cost for commercial construction and \$50 for residential construction under \$20,000 and one quarter percent of the estimated total construction cost on projects over \$20,000.

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