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## Adverse conditions to raise costs of corner development

Two conditions may add to the cost of developing the corners of Rtes. 1 and 9.

Tom Lowe of Gallagher Commercial, a Chicago development company told the Hoopeston City Council Tuesday that lead paint may have been used on property on the site, which includes the former Baer Motel and Carnival Video. Additionally, he said, the ground under the motel was once a landfill and was backfilled with substandard material that will make construction difficult.

If evidence of lead paint is found, it could raise the demolition costs. Low bids on demolition came from Silver Brothers, at \$94,965, and \$11,600 from a specialized asbestos removal firm, said Mayor Chalmers Flint.

To correct the substandard fill material, Lowe said pilings or caissons would be needed or some of the fill material could be removed and the space filled with stone or some other higher-grade fill substance. All will add to development costs, he said.

Cost of removing lead-based paint and replacing fill material are eligible for reimbursement under the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program, said Dan Walker, the city's TIF consultant.

Flint suggested demolition be managed by the

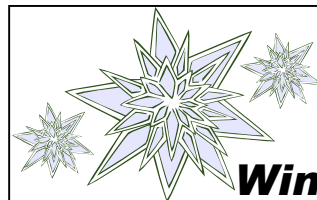
developer, who has more experience and knowledge about what will be needed.

Alderman Bill Goodwine questioned the suggestion, wondering if the city should maintain control. However, Flint said, that might stifle the development. "This town has not grown in 30 years and that's basically the reason why," he said. Nobody wants to take a chance. Nobody wants to trust the other guy."

In related discussion, Walker recommended creating two new TIF districts - of farm property owned by Larry Petry east of Euclid, planned for residential development, and of the former Baer Motel property. Both properties were planned for the original TIF district but were not included, Petry's because of delays in a development agreement and the motel property because it was not annexed to the city.

By creating new TIF districts, Walker said, the city can generate new life into its TIF plan. The existing TIF is currently in its fourth of 23 years. New districts could extend TIF benefits to the city for an additional four years.

Also, the city could save some money on creating new districts rather than amending the existing TIF. Taxing

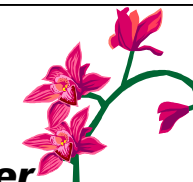


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**Development** continued from other side

bodies and residents within the TIF must be notified of changes by certified letter. Amending the TIF would mean all residents in the TIF area would have to be notified; by creating new districts, which would include fewer residents than the main area, postage costs would be less. Also, meetings of joint review boards, public hearings and ordinances could be done together.

The issues related to the TIF are expected to be voted on at the Feb. 17 council meeting. "We need to let the developer know if he should stop or go forward," Flint said.

In unrelated business, the council:

- heard from Jerry Northam, former human resources director at Silgan Containers, about an upcoming union election at the plant. Workers will vote Feb. 19 whether to join the Teamsters Union, and company officials are asking community leaders to influence workers to keep the union out.
- learned the fire department will hold a hospitality day from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the Market St.

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- learned that Officer Steve Bane resigned effective Monday after 24 years with the department. "It's going to be hard to replace Steve," said Police Chief Mark Drollinger. "He's been an institution."

A replacement is expected to be named from a list of eligible candidates but the list expires in April so new applicants will be sought for a new list and subsequent testing, Drollinger said.

- approved a \$4,863 bid for a new computer for the water plant. The bid came from Industrial Technology Group which installed existing equipment.
- Approved joining the Route One Association with dues of \$100 per year.
- learned the plan commission will meet at 4:15


**Former county board member dies**

Former Vermilion County Board member Oscar Jack McQuigg, 83, of rural East Lynn, died at 3:10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004 at home.

Mr. McQuigg served on the board for 12 years. He also was a former 4H leader, Sunday School teacher, softball coach and was a volunteer with the Rankin Fire Department for 35 years.


Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery, East Lynn. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, 701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

### Police News



A **54-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone took an undisclosed amount of money from her 1989 Plymouth while it was in the 400 block of East Honeywell.

### Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 22. Tonight, snow likely. Low 20. Tomorrow, chance of rain/snow. High 33, low 27

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