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Property annexation fails to get vote at Rossville meeting

ROSSVILLE—Forty-six acres that were expected to be added to the village's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) area were not.

A motion made by Trustee Mike Clutter to add a 40-acre tract to the south of the village and a 16-acre tract to the north did not receive a second at Monday's village board meeting.

Mayor Terry Prillaman called three times for a second to the motion, including directly asking trustee Vic Lackey to second it. "I really stil don't understand

this, to be honest with you," Lackey said.

Prillaman addressed another comment to Trustee Mark Catron, telling him that "if you want to kill the TIF...now's the time."

Failing to get the issue for a vote, Prillman moved on to other business.

After the meeting, Catron admitted he does not like the idea of the TIF's 23-year commitment. "This was the first thing presented to us for tax revenue," he said. "I don't know what (else) is out there but I want to explore other options."

Prillaman said the only other option for economic development is for a private developer to come in and build homes. "Who in their right mind would spend \$1-\$2 million of their own money, hoping somebody would come in and buy lots," he asked Tuesday.

Prillaman said he does not know why the board did not agree to annex the property but reiterated that the TIF will help the school district. "It's a tool to our salvation," he said. "The school is dying and I don't want the village to be the pallbearer."

The village zoning board recommended the northern tract be zoned R-1, which calls for bigger lots than the southern tract, which will be zoned R-2. Both are single-family residence designations.

The village board has 90 days from Jan. 15 to approve the TIF. The board's failure to annex the property may mean a special meeting to sign an intergovernmental agreement with other taxing bodies and look at the annexation again. "Then it will be 'put up or shut up,'" Prillaman said.

Many trustees have privately said they favor the TIF to boost economic development in the village but whether they will vote to implement it remains to be seen. "If they don't then we've lost a lot of time, effort,



Here's how it's done

Tim Drollinger gets assistance from Kay Knoll in using new voting equipment in Tuesday's primary election. The two were at St. Anthony Parish Hall which serves Grant 4 and 5.

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Police News



Police are investigating a report Monday that someone spray-painted graffiti on playground equipment at Honeywell School.

Ronald R. Lightbody, 25, of 725 N. Market, was arrested at 2:35 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of North Market.

He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 25-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged she and Lightbody had an altercation at 11:40 a.m.

Lightbody, who was also wanted on a Peoria County warrant, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Two people were charged with theft over

\$300 for stealing bottles of alcohol and money from the VFW, 428 W. Orange.

Jamie M. Johnson, 29, of 304 Benton, Apt. 6, Rossville, and Joshua D. Marcum, 20, of 307 W. Jones, Milford, were arrested for allegedly stealing five bottles of alcohol and an undisclosed amount of money.

Johnson was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville and Marcum was released on a notice to appear.

Cari A. Hamilton, 32, of 327 E. McCracken, was arrested at 11:05 p.m. Monday at her home. Hamilton, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$225 cash bond.

Markisha R. Pierce, 24, of 905 W. Penn, was

arrested at 11:45 p.m. Monday in the 900 block of West Penn. Pierce, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for

Briefly

Emergency response jackets purchased
 Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation has purchased new Blauer reflective emergency response jackets for the Hoopeston Area Emergency Services Department. The jackets are durable, waterproof, resistant to blood, body fluids and common chemicals and are made from a reflective material to provide a full-profile silhouette at night.

Shower to be held
 A shower will be held for Naomi Freeman of Rossville at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Freeman lost everything in a fire Feb. 27. Donations of household and personal items are wel-

Obituaries

TYLER - Randall A. Tyler, 64, of Hoopeston died at 1:28 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 2004 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Wednesday, March 17

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