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City officials increase pay for incoming mayor, aldermen

Hoopeston officials elected in April 2005 will get a pay increase.

At Tuesday night's meeting, the council unanimously approved raising the mayor's salary from \$300 per month to \$750 or \$9,000 annually. Aldermen's salaries will increase from \$100 monthly to \$125. All will still receive free water as well.

Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said he compared rates for officials in Paxton, Gibson City, Rantoul and Watseka and found Hoopeston's rates to be the lowest.

Aldermen who are not up for reelection in 2005 will not receive an increase until their next election, Goodwine said.

In other business, the council was presented with a strategic planning survey from Mike Brown, Hoopeston

Community Memorial Hospital CEO. The survey, which will be distributed at the National Sweetcorn Festival, CVS grand opening and through civic groups, will help the hospital board decide the direction the facility should go to meet the community's needs in the future. "We have an idea of the direction," Brown said. "We have the feel of where the healthcare market is going but we want to know where you think your hospital should be going."

In unrelated discussion, Alderman Rod Kaag, chairman of the street/alley committee, said the city has been in contact with CSX Railroad about redoing the Main St. crossing with concrete. The railroad estimated the project would cost \$34,211. "I'm not for it," Kaag said.

The crossing is slated on the railroad's repair schedule but a date was not announced.

Hoffman Estates man tapped as new Rossville police officer

ROSSVILLE—The Rossville Village Board on Monday unanimously approved hiring a Hoffman Estates man as a new fulltime police officer.

Paul Shipley, 27, was sworn in at Monday night's meeting.

Shipley is currently employed with a Schaumburg security company. His last day there will be Aug. 30



SHIPLEY

See OFFICER on other side

United Community Fund street drive has third biggest year

Area residents gave generously last Friday, boosting the United Community Fund of Grant Township's street corner collection to the third highest total ever.

Volunteers representing agencies served by the community fund collected \$2,578.69 for the 2005 drive, said organization secretary Susan Redden.

The highest collection was held in 2001, when \$3,117.90 was collected, followed by last year's total of \$2,724.61.

Residents who wish to mail contributions may do so to United Community Fund of Grant Township, 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston, IL 60942, or The Chronicle, 308 E. Main St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

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Rossville considers study on association recommendation

ROSSVILLE—Village officials agreed Monday night to spend a maximum \$5,000 to see if their engineer agrees with an Illinois Rural Water Association recommendation.

The association has suggested the village install a new filtration system to remove iron from village water. That study suggests taking more iron out will also lower arsenic to new state levels mandated to become effective in 2006.

In what will be a study on a study, Upchurch & Associates engineering firm will be asked to see if their research matches that of the association, said village water committee chairman Richard Birkey.

Police News



A **girl's 15-speed** Mounty Royal Free Spirit bicycle was found Monday on North Sixth Ave. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A **32-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Monday that someone damaged the siding of his home with a large hole and stain. The damage occurred in the 600 block of North Sixth St.

Officer continued from other side

and he will start training at the Police Training Institute on Sept. 13.

"I'm pretty happy to get this job," Shipley said after the meeting. "I've been trying (to find a police job) for a year and a half."

The new officer opted for police work after having spent two years with the security company. "Once I got into security, that kind of pushed me into police work," he said. "I actually want a job that I can be happy doing. I'm happy to have a job where I can help others."

Shipley learned of the opening from his fiancée's parents, Richard and Deann Queen, who moved to Rossville about a year ago. He was one of approximately 18 applicants for the position and was "the number one candidate," said trustee Mark Clutter of the village police committee.

Rossville's atmosphere appeals to Shipley. "I wanted to work in a smaller town," he said. "I'm not in it for the excitement."

Mayor Terry Prillaman said the government "arbitrarily dropped the number" for arsenic levels in water. Currently, the maximum rate is 25 parts per billion and village water is at 23ppb. However, in 2006, the rate will drop to 10ppb, Prillaman said.

In other action, trustees:

- approved getting permits and an engineer's estimate on installing 6" water main from Perry to the alley next to Dr. Satterwhite's office. Boring must be done at an estimated \$14 per foot.
- approved a televised inspection of sewer line in the alley between East Attica and Holmes.
- approved continuing to use village employees to read water and gas meters. A resident had applied for the position but superintendent Randy Lusk had indicated he prefers using village employees, said trustee Robert Merritt.
- heard from Vermilion County Board member Gary Weinard about a referendum to be on the Nov. 2 ballot asking voters to cast ballots for or against a one-tenth of one percent nursing home tax and also whether the board may sell Vermilion Manor Nursing Home.

One thing he has to get used to, he said, is the friendliness of village residents. "I'm not used to people waving," he said.

Shipley is engaged to the Queen's daughter, Brandy Procopus. The couple has an 18-month-old daughter, Emilee.

When not working, Shipley likes to spend time with them, as well as playing video games and working on cars.

Shipley joins the department which also includes Chief Danny Danner and Officer Jon Beckley.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 82, low 64. Tomorrow's high 80, low 60.

For current weather conditions, call **Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.**

Briefly

Health screenings

Hoopeston Regional Health Center will offer free cholesterol, blood pressure and glucose screenings from 8:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 in the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital community room.

Well-Baby Clinic

Hoopeston Well-Baby Clinic will be held from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center, 801 E. Orange.

It is a free clinic for children from birth to school age and covers immunizations and other information. Appointments may be made by calling (217) 283-5644. Walk-ins are welcome. Free-will donations are appreciated.

Trash Walkers

Hoopeston Trash Walkers will meet from 8-9 a.m. Saturday at the north side of Maple School to pick up trash in the area. Anyone who wants to volunteer is welcome.

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