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Grant Township officials considering 4-year salary plan

Grant Township trustees are considering four salary hike proposals for township employees.


Township Supervisor Bill Boose submitted the plans at Tuesday afternoon's board meeting. The plan trustees select will set salaries for the supervisor, highway commissioner, assessor, town clerk, road/bridge treasurer and trustees elected next April and will be in place for four years. "This is by far the hardest thing I've ever worked on for township," he told the board.

The first plan calls for a 9.28 percent increase the first year, with no increases in years two through four. Boose said the rate of inflation for the last four years was 9.28 percent so the increase would catch employees up with the inflation rate but would not rise above it.

The other three suggestions include incremental increases over the four year period. One plan would boost salaries by 7.5 percent the first year, 1.7 percent the second year and 1.6 percent each of the final two years. The third plan would increase salaries by six percent the first year and two percent each of the next three years. The final submission would raise wages by three percent the first year, 2.5 percent the second year and three percent the remaining two years.

In some scenarios, trustees may have to make cuts to accommodate the salaries. "If we done some of these things, we're probably going to have to cut back someplace," Boose said.

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Trustee Connie Wilson urged the board to consider the position and not the person in it. "This cannot be a personal decision," she said. "It has to be based on the office itself." After the April election, some trustees,

the supervisor or road commissioner seats may be filled by new people.

Wilson also supports no raise for trustees.

Trustee Dale Lithgow cited local trends, including the loss of jobs and the fact that the township's general assistance rolls are rising. "I'm a firm believer in if a person does a nice job, you give him a raise but you've got to look at where you're going," he said.

The trustees agreed to study the proposals and will reconvene at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 to select one. The choice must be made and signed by trustees by Nov. 2, Boose said.

Current salaries are supervisor, \$27,000 plus \$1,000 as road/bridge treasurer; highway commissioner 32,900; assessor, \$27,000; clerk \$3,100 and trustees, \$1,200.

In related discussion, Jim Crouch told the board he thinks a larger part of his salary should come from the town fund. Currently, 40 percent of his pay as road commissioner comes from the Road & Bridge and Special Hardroad funds and 60 percent from the town fund. "I think 40 percent is too much," he said. "I think 10-20 percent would be more appropriate. I feel the town fund should support the road commissioner salary a little more than it does."

The board took no action on Crouch's request.

In other business, trustees:

- discussed a new law that would charge haulers a per-axle fee for being over the weight limit on township roads. Crouch said Gov. Blagojevich signed the law which imposes a \$5 per axle fee. "Quite frankly," he said, "it's a mess."
- heard from trustee Rich Thompson about two complaints on crosses marking the site of a car accident in August in rural Hoopeston. The people who placed the crosses did not ask permission and the township may

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Trash Walkers

Trash Walkers will meet at the north end of McFerren Park from 8-9 a.m. Saturday to pick up trash in the area. Anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome.

Jaycees needed

The Hoopeston Jaycees are seeking new members. The group is open to men and women ages 21-39 who are interested in personal development and community service. For more information, call Jimmy Polson, 283-4645.

Cemetery flowers

Spring grave flowers should be removed from Floral Hill Cemetery. Workers will begin removal Mon-

day, Sept. 27.

Picnic set

The Hoopeston Historical Society will hold its annual picnic at noon Saturday at the McFarland Museum. Please bring a covered dish and table service.

Preschool screening

A free preschool screening for all three, four and five-year-olds will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange, Hoopeston. The screening will determine each child's knowledge of general concept, hearing and vision, speech, language and motor skills. Parents should bring each child's Social Security card, updated shot record and birth certificate. To schedule an appointment, call (217) 283-6668.

Bowling signups

- Junior/senior (ages 8-18) bowling leagues noon-4 p.m. Saturday at Pla-Mor Lanes. A parents' meeting for those who would like to help the league will be held at 4 p.m.



The party's over

Dave Ervin takes a break from taking down a National Sweetcorn Festival to chat with a postal patron at the Hoopeston Post Office Tuesday.

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Motorists' bad habits are driving writer to distraction

Editor's Note: Lourdine has taken the day off. This column is written by her evil twin, Sardine.

I know, I know, it's been a long time since you've heard from me. It's been so long, I had a hard time finding that little "Second Cup" thingy that Lourdine insists I put on my scribblings. You know, come to think of it, it should be my name there. I write these more than she does.

Since it's been such a long time since I've written, I'd like to thank those of you who have told me I should write more. Why, some of you even said you'd send letters to Lourdine asking when I would be writing next. Of course you didn't but that's another story.

As most of you know, when I write, I have something on my mind and this time is no different. This time, I've been thinking about bad motorists. You know who you are and you're driving me to distraction. Stop it.

I see so many nice vehicles, new vehicles on the road. I know they must have cost a bundle. You can tell by looking. But there's one thing most of them don't have and that's turn signals. They must not have them because the drivers never use them.

You've seen this: you and another driver pull up to a four-way stop at the same time. You think it's safe to go straight because the car coming from the opposite direction doesn't have its turn signals on. Both of you start to go when you have to swerve out of the way because the other driver is turning and is giving you a one-finger wave because you're in the way!

I don't work for the Psychic Friends Network so I don't know where you're going. If you're going to turn, use your turn signal. For those who haven't used one in a

while, that's the lever on the

left side of your steering wheel.

It looks something like this:

It goes down when you're turning left and up for right turns. It makes lights in the front and back of your vehicle blink, letting

those of us who aren't actually in your vehicle know what you're doing.

Just remember to make sure it's off after you turn because there are few things more annoying than being behind someone whose signal has been blinking for miles.

I mentioned stop signs. Here's another thing I don't like: people who just flat out run a stop sign. I

have to admit that I'm not above yielding instead of stopping when there are no other cars around but by golly, when you see other traffic at a four-way or two-way, at least look like you might be giving some thought to stopping. That's especially annoying when I was there first.

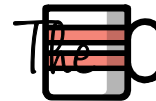
Here's another thing that drives me crazy: people who drive 15 down Main Street. Lourdine always has me out doing something and I'm always in a hurry because I've got better things to do. Then I get behind someone who's moving more slowly than my vehicle idles. It's annoying. Either give it some gas or park it and build a garage around it.

You know what else I hate? People who take forever and a day to turn a corner and who have to swing into the other lane before they do. Makes me nuts.

Maybe the most annoying drivers of all are those you find on the highway who will do 65 for a while, then 43, then 57, then maybe up to 66 for a bit before dropping to 48. I hate being behind drivers who do that. Grr!

Or what about those drivers who are in a honking big hurry to pull out in front of you and then take a month of Sundays to get up to the speed limit? People who do that make me want to scream - usually obscenities.

I know Gov. Blagojevich is cutting back on things but I think he should hire me to teach others to drive. It wouldn't cost a lot in the long run and would probably cut down on accidents, saving all of us money on insurance premiums. It might cut down on road rage and the crimes caused because of it. I know it would cut down on mine.



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TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed
potatoes, bread, oleo, peaches

THURSDAY: Taco/soft shell, salad, pineapple,
cupcake.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, chili, crackers, fruit
cocktail.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips*, potato wedged,
cheese sauce, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza*, salad, pears, cookie.

WEDNESDAY: Roast turkey/gravy/hot roll or fish/bun,
whipped potatoes, green beans, peaches.

THURSDAY: Lasagna/garlic bread or hamburger/bun,

Police News



Frank A. Cappellano, 40, of Wellington turned
himself in to police at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Cappel-
lano, wanted on a warrant for failure to appear, was re-
leased on \$200 cash bond.

A 42-year-old Hoopeston man reported
Wednesday that someone took computer equipment
from his home and a drive socket set from his garage in
the 400 block of North Eighth Ave.

A 30-year-old man reported Wednesday that
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vehicle while it was parked at Parkview Court.

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Acosta, 26, of 322 Front, was cited for permitting an
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TUESDAY: Cheeseburger, pickles, fries, apple crisp.

WEDNESDAY: K-5 fish nuggets, 6-12 Fish sandwich,
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