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Township board approves helping local ambulance services

A donation from Grant Township will help two ambulance services be more efficient.

At Tuesday's regular meeting, the Grant Township board of trustees approved paying half the cost of a computer system and software that will allow emergency medical personnel to complete necessary paperwork in a more timely manner.

Ambulance supervisor Lloyd Smith asked the board for financial assistance with the project, which will include an \$1,800 software package, four laptop computers and one base computer and five printers. Of those, three laptops, the base unit and three printers will be for the Hoopeston Ambulance Service and one laptop and printer will be used by Rossville Ambulance Service. Smith said equipment for both services saved about 40 percent over the cost of buying them separately.

The total cost of the proposal is \$6,825.99. Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Rossville Ambulance Service have given about \$1,500 towards the equipment.

In a 4-0 vote, township officials approved paying half of the remainder, approximately \$2,700 - for now.

Some trustees wanted to fund the remaining amount

but others asked Smith to request a fair share of the cost from the Hoopeston City Council, ambulance service owners.

Under an agreement between the city and Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital made in August 2000, the city retains ownership of the service, which is managed by the hospital. The city agreed to help with purchasing new ambulances but day-to-day costs of running the service are to be borne by the hospital.

The city and hospital are currently working on a grant for a new ambulance, estimated at \$120,000 with a cot, but there has been no word on it since the grant was submitted two to three months ago, Smith said. "That's not a good sign," he said.

If a grant is not awarded, the service will ask the city to pay for a new ambulance because one, a 1989 model, "is on its last legs," Smith said. "We hate to take it out."

Smith said the equipment will help EMTs and Paramedics complete necessary paperwork more quickly. The current reporting system is four to five pages of written and fill-in information, which takes about 30-40 minutes to complete. When the service is busy responding to calls, reports can stack up until time is available to complete the work. The new system is designed to reduce time needed for reporting and automatically correct errors.

Reports are entered in to patient files and the Illinois Department of Public Health, Smith said.

In unrelated business, Road Commissioner Gary Weinard said work on the new garage is progressing. Concrete work is supposed to be done this week and FBI Builders are expected to return next week for interior work.

Weinard said he is still working on getting water and sewer lines to the building. The current plan - to run

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Grants available from Keep Vermilion County Beautiful

Keep Vermilion County Beautiful is setting up a grant fund to assist groups who want to make a difference in their communities but lack resources to do so.

"By offering grant money to neighborhood associations, civic groups, municipalities and townships, they will be able to do so many things to improve their communities, like buying planters, planting flowers, purchasing materials for picking up litter or creating novel solutions to litter problems," said KVCB Executive Director Lynn Wolgamot.

Girls Softball signups to begin

Hoopeston girls ages 8-18 (by Sept. 1) interested in playing softball may attend one of several signup sessions scheduled.

The first will be held from 1-3 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Signup will also be held March 25-26 during the WHPO Business Expo, along with signups for baseball and swim teams.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping with Girls Softball is asked to attend a meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at the Multi Agency. All coaches are also urged to attend.

Township continued from other side

connections from lines on the east side of the road - "will be more money than I want to spend," he said.

Weinard said he has received inquiries about the old township garage, which is expected to be declared surplus and sold after the April 11 annual meeting. That meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the township office.

In unrelated action, trustees approved tentative budgets for town and road and bridge. Final budgets are set to be finalized at the May 9 meeting.



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chasing materials for picking up litter or creating novel solutions to litter problems," said KVCB Executive Director Lynn Wolgamot.

A maximum of \$500 will be awarded for each grant. A maximum 10 grants will be awarded this year.

Copies of the two-page application were sent to all township and municipal clerks or their KVCB representatives who can make copies available in their communities. Applications are also available by calling Wolgamot at (217) 431-2662, ext. 249 or at lwogamo@vchd.org

Application deadline is April 17. Grants will be awarded May 1. Submitted projects must be completed by Nov. 1. Winning groups must provide reports on their winning projects at the annual Keep Vermilion County Beautiful meeting in November.

Obituaries

GUMMERE—Vickie Lee Gummere, 46, of Hoopeston died at 5:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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