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Township officials struggle with environmental authority

Which organization had the authority to comment on the environmental condition of the old township garage is something Grant Township officials are trying to figure out.

At the board's regular meeting last Tuesday, road commissioner Gary Weinard said some confusion exists over which agency, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or Illinois State Fire Marshall's Office, had

the authority to give a green light to the property after underground fuel storage tanks were removed in 1998.

Danner Construction of Rossville removed the tanks, Weinard said, adding that an Illinois Fire Marshall's report said there were no apparent leaks or contamination. Soil samples were taken then and sent to a laboratory that subsequently closed, leaving no trail of the

See TOWNSHIP on other side



Up in smoke

Bob Duffin, left, and Steve Unger place flags on a form during a flag burning ceremony Wednesday at the Hoopeston American Legion. The Legion collects worn flags year-round, then burns them once a year at a special ceremony. This year, local Boy Scouts also took part in the ceremony.

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Court Dispositions



May 18

Gary A. Cornelius, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct; fined \$180.

Humberto M. Sanchez, fined \$280 at sentencing hearing for theft.

Sara E. Highfill, case nolle prossed.

Marshall D. Burton, case nolle prossed.

Scott R. Watson, pleaded guilty to general nuisance; fined \$180.

Alejandro Limon, pleaded guilty to general nuisance; fined \$180.

Robert E. Longfellow, found guilty by default for failure to appear. Sentencing for nuisance June 15.

Charlotte M. Akins, found guilty by default for failure to appear. Sentencing for running at large prohibited

June 15.

June 1

Rocky D. Walker, pleaded guilty to violation of zoning ordinance; fined \$230.

Guadalupe Martinez, pleaded guilty to general nuisance; fined \$180.

Donald Blakeley, pleaded guilty to general nuisance; fined \$180.

Claude W. Noremberg, pleaded guilty to general nuisance; fined \$180.

Kay E. Irvin, pleaded guilty to general nuisance; fined \$180.

Bryan W. Billingsley, pleaded not guilty to general nuisance; requested trial set for July 6.

Kevin Kaufman, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct; fined \$180.



Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:51 a.m. Sunday at 409 E. Main.

Police said Jessie Klocke of Hoopeston, in a 1996 Dodge, backed from an alley parking space and struck an eastbound 2003 Chevrolet driven by Thomas Crupenick, also of Hoopeston. Klocke told police a Dumpster blocked her view.

Klocke was at fault for improper backing.

Jordan C. Stephenson, 20, of 702 E. Elm was arrested at 1:52 p.m. Sunday in the 400 block of East Young. He was charged with battery on a complaint from a 31-year-old Hoopeston man.

Township continued from other side

results.

Officials would like to have a No Further Remediation letter from the state EPA before selling the property but the EPA will not issue a letter based on Illinois Fire Marshall's documentation, Weinard said.

The tanks were removed at a time when control of such issues was shifting from the fire marshall's office to the EPA, he added.

Without a letter from the EPA, potential buyers will not be able to receive a mortgage on the property, said township attorney Bill Nelson.

The property, at 702 E. Orange, is expected to be sold

Stephenson was released on \$100 cash bond.

A **24-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Sunday that someone took items from her vehicle while it was in the 200 block of East Wyman.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 1:25 a.m. Saturday for a wastebasket on fire in the 300 block of East Main.

The department was called at 8 p.m. Sunday for a chair on fire in the 400 block of East Honeywell.

in the near future after a new township garage was built. Prior to the sale, the board must approve a resolution that includes the size of the property, zoning, terms of the sale and may include that the township is selling the property without an IEPA NFR letter, Nelson said.

Before it is sold, the property must be appraised and the selling price must be 80 percent or more of the appraised value, he added.

Weinard also told trustees that Thompson Ave. to Cheneyville will be resurfaced by the county, then turned over to the township, adding about three miles to township roads.

duct; fined \$180.

Raquel Torres, pleaded guilty to battery; fined \$180.

Robert Clayburn, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper; fined \$230.

Robert Clayburn, pleaded guilty to general nuisance; fined \$360.

Esmeralda Cordova, default finding of guilt for failure to appear for general nuisance; sentencing July 6.

Ronald E. Longest, default finding of guilt for failure to appear for general nuisance; sentencing July 20.

Jimmy D. England, default finding of guilt for failure to appear for battery; sentencing July 6.

Joshua Watson, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; requested trial set June 15.

Weather



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