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Rossville officials hear of arsenic removal grant difficulties

ROSSVILLE—A hoped-for grant to fund most of a new arsenic removal system here is going to be difficult to get.

At Monday night's regular meeting, the Rossville Village Board heard from Mayor Terry Prillaman about a meeting he recently attended in Springfield concerning the state grants. About 200 other communities are applying for the same grant, he told trustees.

Also, the maximum amount to be awarded per community was lowered from \$400,000 to \$350,000. Prillaman said he did not know the number of grants that will

be awarded.

Under legislation approved by then-President Bill Clinton, Rossville and many other communities must lower the arsenic level in their drinking water systems.

In order to apply for the grant, Rossville had to show its good faith by raising water rates, which was done last month.

Rossville will borrow money to pay for the project, with a ballpark estimate of \$600,000.

Prillaman told the board that last Wednesday, the Department of Rural Development planned to lower its loan rate from 4.5 percent to two and five-eighths percent. On Friday, that was rescinded, leaving trustees looking at a 2.5 percent loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The village will apply for a 20-year loan for the total project cost, then reapply for a lesser amount if a grant is received.

In unrelated discussion, trustees discussed a set of sample ordinances pertaining to dogs in the village.

Submitted by village attorney Karen Wall, the samples cover things such as penalties for excessive barking, failure to confine a dog in heat and for allowing excre-

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Sheila Edwards

Police News 

An employee of Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn, reported at 2:41 p.m. Monday that someone in a white Ford Taurus failed to pay for \$20 of gas.

A 62-year-old man reported at 4:12 p.m. Monday that someone took tools from a shed. The burglary occurred over the last couple weeks.

A cell phone was found at 12:30 p.m. Monday in front of Hoopeston City Hall. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Court Dispositions 

September 21

William J. Rossolille, Hoopeston, found guilty of nuisance condition; fined \$180.

Daniel E. Lile Jr., Hoopeston, battery, nolle prossed.


Ricky D. Bell, Roanoke, found guilty of battery; fined \$230.

Pat Nichols, Hoopeston, cruelty to animals, nolle prossed

Sylvia Cordova, Hoopeston, restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, dismissed.

Guadalupe Cordova, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper; fined \$180.

Jason H. Matthews, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to nuisance vehicle; trial Oct. 19.

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ment to accumulate to cause a public health hazard.

A couple of the proposals would be hard to police, said Trustee Dick queen. "How do you know when a dog's in heat," he asked.

"The other dogs will tell you," Prillaman answered.

Queen also questioned how to determine excessive barking, which Prillaman said would be determined by neighbors.

Trustee Mark Catron said he opposed an ordinance that would limit the number of pets per household to three. "It's their house," he said. "If they want to have 10 dogs, let them have 10 dogs. We have ordinances that can deal with (dog) problems without making a blanket policy."

Sample ordinances were referred to the health and safety committee for study. A recommendation is expected to be made at the Nov. 20 meeting.

In unrelated action, the board:

Approved purchasing four ads for the Rossville Historical Society 2007 calendar. The calendar is one of three that is raising money for the village sesquicentennial. Money will be used for finale events in August, 2009, Queen said.


Approved the Veterans' Day parade on Oct. 11.

Set trick-or-treat hours from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31 for youngsters 12 and younger.

Approved the Rossville Community Organization borrowing three aluminum light poles for a float which will be in both the Danville and Rossville Christmas parades.

Approved allowing the RCO to wire Christmas lights from the Presbyterian Church to the First Bank of Rossville.

Agreed to a special meeting at 5 p.m. Friday to act on a zoning board recommendation for Norton's Machine Shop. The zoning board is set to meet Thursday evening.

Weather 

Partly cloudy today. High 70. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 47. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 58, low 37.

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