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## Rossville board approves fees for new water treatment plant

ROSSVILLE—Officials here are moving forward with a plan to remove more arsenic and iron from its water supply.

At a public hearing prior to Monday night's regular board meeting, trustees reviewed a plan calling for a new water treatment plant that is expected to meet requirements established under then-President Bill Clinton to lower arsenic levels from 50ppb (parts per billion) to 10ppb. As an added bonus, the new system is also expected to decrease the amount of iron in village water.

The project is estimated at \$684,000, said Mayor Terry Prillaman. The cost includes design fees and construction.

Sodemann & Associates engineering firm will design the facility, which is expected to incorporate equipment designed by John McBride of ERH Enterprises, with whom the village contracts wastewater treatment services. "I have a lot of confidence in John," Prillaman said after the meeting, adding the system will inject additional aeration into the water, bringing arsenic levels "down to finite levels."

Officials hope to receive a grant to help pay for the project but must complete it with or without financial help.

The village will apply for a maximum \$350,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity but officials have been told by grant writer Tammy Grecko that competition will be fierce and the village may not receive funding, Prillaman said.

However, since officials are gearing up the project, their grant application may be looked at more favorably than communities that might have a higher grant score but who are not as prepared, he said.

If a grant is not awarded, the village put \$204,000 of its money and in-kind contribution towards the project and borrow the remainder from an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan. The loan would be for 20 years at 2.5 percent interest, Prillaman said.

If everything goes according to plan, construction will be done next summer.

According to federal guidelines, the deadline to meet the new levels was January but Prillaman said communities that are making progress towards meeting the goal will not be penalized.

Following the public hearing, the board approved documents regarding the project.

In other business, trustees:

See ROSSVILLE on other side

## Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 23

**VFW**

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## Neal Tire, Uniroyal Tire donate to area youth soccer program

Neal Tire & Auto and Uniroyal Tire have donated funds and equipment valued at more than \$1,100 to the Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer as part of a long-time program by Uniroyal to support the nation's top youth soccer associations and leagues.

"The Uniroyal Soccer Program is great because it helps us give back to the community which has been so supportive of us," said Chuck Wallace of Neal Tire & Auto. "We have really enjoyed meeting the families with the Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer, and we get a real kick out of giving away the free soccer balls to the kids."

Uniroyal Tire is now in its seventh year as a major sponsor of youth soccer. In total, Uniroyal and its dealers have provided 655,000 free soccer balls to soccer families across America and have donated a total of \$9 million in funds and equipment.

"One of the best aspects of our soccer program is linking dealers such as Neal Tire & Auto who are tremendous community supporters with outstanding organizations like Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer who conduct such rewarding programs for local children," said Uniroyal Tire Brand Marketing Director Kaz Holley.

### Police News



**Roger D. Arms**, 22, of 429 W. Washington, was arrested at 9:45 a.m. Monday in the 600 block of West Penn.

He was charged with criminal damage to auto reported Sunday.

Arms was released on a notice to appear.

A **64-year-old** woman reported Tuesday that someone broke into Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market, and took an undisclosed amount of cash.

### Rossville continued from other side

• Heard from Prillaman that the Citgo station will close at the end of the month. The company had sent letters to charge customers that all bills had to be paid by the 15th of each month. The date did not coincide with board meetings, where bills are approved for payment, so Prillaman said he asked whether something could be

### Briefly

#### Library to open late

Hoopeston Public Library will open at 1 p.m. Wednesday so that employees may attend board member Mark Conolly's funeral.

The library will close at its regular time, 8 p.m.

#### HMA Christmas schedule

In observance of Christmas, the Hoopeston Multi Agency will be closed Friday and Monday. On Tuesday, Dec. 26, an in-town shuttle will be available.

worked out. He said he was told that it didn't matter because the station would be closing.

• Approved 10 employee holidays, up from nine last year, including a floating holiday.

• Approved annual safety awards of \$100 for each full time employee and \$50 for each part time worker. Awards total \$750.

• Approved forming a planning commission for long-range goals. Prillaman said he chaired a planning commission in the 1990s but records for the group cannot be found.

### Weather



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