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# **Rossville Village Board agrees on utility deposit procedures**

ROSSVILLE—After months of fine-tuning, Rossville officials have approved a process for determining a deposit for gas service.

Trustees had previously approved using a person's credit score as a means of determining deposits but Mayor Terry Prillaman vetoed the action in May.

The ordinance, approved 5-0 at Monday night's regular meeting, calls for using a customer's FICO score and credit report along with a history of usage at the customer's residence.

Customers will not have to pay a deposit if they have a cosigner who is a village resident and property owner and who is in good standing for their own utilities and who agrees utility payments of the applicant.

The deposit ordinance applies only to renters and those buying homes on contract.

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The minimum deposit allowed under the new system is \$150, far less than some suggested deposits have been. Prillaman said two people did not move to Rossville because the deposits they would have been charged - about \$700 and \$500 respectively - were high.

In related business, trustees unanimously approved charging a \$25 sewer deposit to go along with the \$25 water deposit. There had been no sewer deposit prior to Monday's action, Prillaman said.

Trustees unanimously approved new ordinances covering cannabis and drug paraphernalia, all terrain vehicle operation and safety and public nuisance/vehicle seizures. One existing ordinance, limiting the number of rummage sales residents could have without applying for a permit, was rescinded. Prillaman said in the two years it has been in force, the village collected \$75 and \$100 in each respective year. "It's not what the girls have to do for the paperwork," he said.

In unrelated action, the board:

Approved a \$21,300 bid from Heaton Agri-Service to add eight feet to the existing building and cover the existing and new sections. Other bids received were from FBI for \$22,531; C&C Custom Building, \$30,350, and Better Built, \$23,479.

Approved a \$1001.51 bid from Robert Lancaster for a 1999 Crown Victoria which had been used as a village police car. Other bids were from Justin Richison, \$600; Richard Varner, \$600; Paul Boswell, \$605; and Rita Pearson, \$300.

Approved a bid from Personal Care for employee insurance. Finance chairman Nancy Null said the only change is increased co-pays for prescription, which went See ROSSVILLE on other side





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# Rossville to erect military headstone for Civil War member of Colored Heavy Artillery

#### Arthur McDowell was also farmer, barber

ROSSVILLE—Members of the Rossville Community will gather at 9 a.m. Saturday, August 25 to dedicate a military headstone for Civil War Veteran Arthur McDowell. McDowell served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> US Colored Heavy Artillery during the Civil War.

Born into slavery in North Carolina, McDowell ended up in Vermilion County during the Civil War. He enlisted in the Union Army in 1863 as a substitute for an Elwood Township teacher. The practice of hiring a substitute was common during the war particularly after the Union turned to a draft lottery and it appears that the man McDowell substituted for was a member of the Religious Society of Friends. McDowell served in Company E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> US Colored Heavy Artillery and was stationed at Fort Pickering in Memphis. He was present during an infamous riot of April 1866 in which many of the

### **Police News**

Jeremy A. Irons, 19, of 218 E. Lincoln, was arrested after an incident at 2:44 p.m. Monday in the 200 block of East Lincoln. He was charged with domestic battery and endangering the life or health of a child on a complaint from a 17-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Irons struck her in the face while she was holding an infant in her arms.

Irons was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

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from \$10/\$20/\$50 to \$15/\$30/\$60. The change will save the village about two percent on premiums, Null said, adding that the village pays the entire premium amount for single coverage for its employees.

Heard from Trustee Dick Queen that the Rossville Community Organization and Sons of the American Legion have purchased 16 new flags to be flown on the village's antique light poles. Flags will be up in time for Labor Day.

Approved Kay Ritter's resignation as treasurer. Ritter, who served as trustee before being named treasurer, resigned for health reasons, Prillaman said. city's African American population were killed and assaulted.

Discharged in September 1866, McDowell returned to Vermilion County and married Hattie Porter that November. The McDowells made their home on a farm near Armstrong and became wellrespected members of that community and the Methodist church there.

When advanced age no longer allowed him to work his farm, McDowell and his wife joined her sister's family in Rossville. McDowell worked as a barber with his brother-in-law. McDowell died in 1920 and his funeral was held in the family home on Dale Street. He and his wife are buried in the Rossville Cemetery.

While McDowell's name was among those placed on Rossville's Veterans Memorial by the Spears/ Dukes American Legion Post, McDowell's personal history had become lost. A local historian doing some research on 1920s Rossville ran into McDowell's obituary in an old copy of the Rossville Press. After locating McDowell's grave, it was noticed that the Union veteran did not have a military marker. Members of the Rossville Cemetery Board,

#### Obituaries

**GOSSETT** - Dorothy Gossett, 80, of Milford died at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cheney Grove Cemetery, Saybrook. Memorials are suggested to Milford Public Library. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, was n charge of arrangements.

**SEYMOUR** - Glen Seymour, 98, of Hoopeston, formerly of Rossville, died at 2 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007 at home. Arrangements are incomplete at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville.

## Weather

Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 91, low 71. Tomorrow, high 92, low 70.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

the Rossville Historical Society, the Spears/Dukes American Legion Post and the Rossville Sons of the American Legion got together and secured a military headstone and had it placed on the old soldier's grave.

Minster Bronson Austin of the Saints Synagogue Church of Danville will officiate. The Illiana Civil War Historical Society will be on hand to render honors. Members of the Rossville & Danville American Legion Posts will also be present as will members of the Rossville Sons of the American Legion.

It was not until 1862 that African Americans were allowed to serve in the United States Army. A total of 180,000 African Americans volunteered for the Union Army during the Civil War. They formed all "colored" regiments. The film, "Glory" told the story of one of these regiments-the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. According to the National Park Service, African American soldiers made up 10 percent of the Union Army. Approximately one-third of those who enlisted lost their lives during the war.

For more information contact Kevin Young at 217-748-6081.

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