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Rossville Village Board approves internet-based car seller

ROSSVILLE—A dealership for used autos will open in Rossville following action by the village board Monday night.

Michael Marx of Worth requested a special use permit for 202 S. Chicago to open the business. The village zoning board recommended the change at an earlier meeting, sending that decision to the village board.

Trustee Dick Queen, who attended the zoning meeting, told the board that Marx expects the dealership to be open 20 hours per week and plans to only sell cars that are five or six years old, with 15 to 20 cars on the lot at any one time. He added that Marx sells cars on e-Bay,

which customers will then be able to pick up in Rossville.

The fact that sales are done on the internet raised questions concerning whether the village would receive sales tax from any sales. However, Mayor Terry Prillaman pointed out that "whatever sales tax is coming in is more than what we've got now."

The board approved the special use permit in a 5-0 vote.

In unrelated business, Prillaman put a suggestion before the board that would use Tax Increment Financing

See ROSSVILLE on other side

Briefly

Meeting postponed

A meeting on the Hoopeston Main Street program, set for Thursday evening, has been postponed due to a conflict with program presenters.

Tiny Tots

An Easter egg hunt will be held at this week's Tiny Tots at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children may bring a flashlight for the hunt, which will be held in the dark.

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Police News



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Angel K. Bane, 27, of Hoopeston was arrested after a traffic stop at 9:13 p.m. Monday at Fourth St. and Honeywell. She was charged with driving while license suspended and no proof of insurance and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Rossville continued from other side

(TIF) funds to repair downtown sidewalks.

Prillaman suggested that the village use TIF funds from the Casey's increment only to install new sidewalks. An estimated \$20,000 per year is expected in the TIF fund encompassing Casey's and, as the developer, the village is eligible for 70 percent of the amount, estimated at about \$14,000.

Under Prillaman's proposal, \$10,000 of that would be earmarked to replace downtown sidewalks over a period of two or three years. "This is a way to get the sidewalks done with money we've never seen," he told trustees, adding that he did not expect action to be taken Monday night.

Prillaman said he spoke with a representative of Silver Brothers, who said the nine-foot sidewalks could be replaced at a cost of \$5.25 per square foot, including saw-cutting existing sidewalks next to downtown buildings.

In unrelated business, trustees:

- Tabled a \$15,000 bid, submitted by Mary Jo Ray, for a house at 123 E. Attica. The village had advertised a minimum bid of \$20,000 but received no bids. The issue was tabled to get an opinion from the village attorney on whether the property may be sold for less than the minimum advertised.
- Heard from Fire Chief Lloyd Smith that the ISO, which rates fire departments, had planned to lower the village's rating from five to six. However, after Smith and Prillaman sent letters to the organization, a six-

Weather



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month grace period was given to allow the department to work on problem areas.

Smith said water flow was cited because of small mains in some areas of the village. However, he said, the ISO failed to take a dry well into account when rating the department.

Obituaries

JOHNSON - Harold "Rudy" Johnson, 99, of Rankin died at 2:55 a.m. Monday, March 17, 2008 at Hoopes-ton Community Memorial Hospital. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rankin Union Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin, is in charge of arrangements.

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