

Plan to lengthen Summit Street gets village board support

ROSSVILLE-A plan to extend Summit St. from Thompson Ave. to Earl Court was approved by the village board Monday night but not without dissent from one resident and a trustee.

The street will run through a subdivision the village is developing. That subdivision "needs something to jumpstart it," said Mayor Terry Prillaman, adding some people have had difficulty finding the entrance to the area. An estimate from Dale Tweedy put labor in the \$2,500 ballpark and rock for the road surface at \$5,000-\$6,000, he said.

Resident John Alt sent a letter to trustees saying he



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does not see a need for the road to be extended and that money to build the road could be used for other things, such as fixing village water problems.

Trustee Charles Cornell agreed and was the sole no vote on the issue. After the meeting, he, too, said the money could be better spent on other village projects.

In other business, Dean Grimes, president of the Rossville Fire Protection District, attended the meeting to ask what the cost of hooking utilities to the new fire station will be. "We want to get settled up," he said.

Prillaman said the village will have a total soon, then asked whether the district would be willing to donate the former fire station to the village.

Grimes said the fire board plans to seek bids on the building. "We certainly don't plan on keeping it," he said, adding that the Rossville Historical Society has also expressed an interest in the station.

In unrelated business, the board:

• Approved the 2008-09 budget with \$234,925 in the general fund. That is up from \$226,800 last year. Trustees also approved an amended budget ordinance for 2007-08 and borrowing %59,387.18 from the gas fund to balance the Tax Increment Financing account.

Prillaman said after the meeting that no money is in the TIF account and funds for the subdivision have had to be borrowed from the gas fund. The money will be repaid to the fund as money becomes available in the TIF fund.

• Approved waiving the residency requirement for police officer Jason Anderson of Hoopeston, as well as a salary ordinance amendment for Anderson, who is going from part time officer to full time.

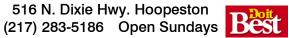
• Approved \$50 donations to the Bismarck-Henning and Hoopeston Area post prom funds.

• Approved a request from the American Legion for an See BOARD on other side





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Board continued from other side

Independence Day parade from 11-11:30 a.m. July 4.
Approved a \$15,000 bid from Mary Jo Ray for a building at 123 E. Attica.

Ray had submitted a bid prior to last month's meeting but trustees did not accept it. Instead, the board held a special meeting to set the minimum bid at \$15,000 rather than the earlier stated \$20,000. At the special meeting, Prillaman said someone verbally offered to pay more than \$15,000 but that person failed to submit a bid. Ray said she doesn't know yet how she will use the building.

• Approved all town cleanup for Saturday, May 10. Dumpsters will be available in a central area where residents may take unwanted items.

Senior citizens who have items but who cannot take them may call the village a few days in advance to ar-

Obituaries

FERGUSON - Ronald C. Fergusion Sr., 71, of Rantoul, formerly of Hoopeston, died Monday afternoon, April 21, 2008, at home. Visitation will be 1-3 p.m. Thursday at Lux Memorial Chapel, 1551 E. Grove Ave., Rantoul. Funeral service with military rites will immediately follow. Burial of his ashes will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army.

MATTHEWS - Henry L. Matthews, 73, of Hoopeston died at 4:49 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2008 at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.



WELLS - Dallas Wayne Wells, 78, of Hoopeston died at 3 a.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Little League or American Heart Association.

Police News

An 87-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 9:46 a.m. Tuesday that someone stole a cell phone and camera from his truck while it was parked in the 300 block of East Main.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 80, low 61. Tomorrow, high 77, low 48.

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range pick-up.

• Tabled two bids for masonry work on downtown buildings. One was for \$79,564 from Otto Baum Co., of Morton and the other of Midwest Restoration of Paris for \$89,500. The matter was referred to the public improvements committee, which will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, following the 6 p.m. finance committee meeting.



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