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Rossville trustees reject all bids on water treatment plant

ROSSVILLE—Construction of a new water treatment plant is expected to be delayed for about 90 days after the village board rejected three construction bids.

The board rejected bids for \$1,165,241 from McDowell Builders, Inc., of Sidell; \$988,000 from Thieneman Construction, Crown Point, Ind.; and \$788,000 from A&R Mechanical, Urbana, because all were significantly over the estimate of \$551,000, provided by engineers Sodemann & Associates of Champaign.

Mayor Terry Prillaman said all three bids had mathematical mistakes, which accounted for some, but not all, of the increase over the estimate.

Prillaman said 12 bid packets were picked up but only the three were returned. After seeing the bid amounts, Prillaman said he contacted those who submitted bids and a couple firms that did not, encouraging them to submit new bids.

In related discussion, Prillaman said that while the village was awarded a 4350,000 Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant to be used towards the treatment plant, the village has not yet received the check.

In other action, trustees voted unanimously to purchase the old fire station on West Attica for \$21,000.

The Rossville Area Fire Protection District put the building up for bids after completing its new station. The Village of Rossville had first right of refusal to meet the top bid offered on the old station.

Money to purchase the building will come from the police department budget. Officials plan to use the rear of the station to house squad cars.

The front is expected to be used by the Rossville Historical Society.

In unrelated business, the board:

- Voted 5-1 to give Prillaman authorization to sign checks for roofing work done on village-owned downtown buildings. Trustee Tom Gregory voted against the measure, saying Five Star Roofing tore off more roof and replaced more tresses than was contracted, adding \$1,600 to the \$8,000 estimate.

- Approved keeping wages for elected officials at their current rates of \$50 per month for trustees; \$2,400 per year for the clerk; and \$3,000 annually for the mayor.

- Discussed an ordinance allowing electric golf carts to be used in the village. Officials will check with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding signage designation crossings on Rt. 1 before a final ordinance is approved.

- Approved requests from Rossville Community Organization to have a parade along Rt. 1 for a Halloween parade from the post office to the high school from 10-10:30 a.m. Oct. 25 and possibly close East Attica for a Christmas carnival.

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1 p.m. Monday at Orange and Market.

Police said James Russell, of Hoopeston, in a 2005 Dodge, struck the rear of a 1994 Buick Regal driven by Phyllis Cox, also of Hoopeston. Cox was stopped, waiting to make a left turn.

A 66-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 3:40 p.m. Monday that unauthorized charges were on her credit card statement.

A 56-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 4:34 p.m. that his fence was damaged in the 800 block of East Chestnut. Area youngsters were questioned and admitted.

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Briefly

Sports Booster meeting

Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the high school computer lab. All sports parents are invited to attend.


Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots story program will resume at 10:30 a.m.


Friday, Sept. 12 at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Grace Institute seminar

First Christian Church, along with First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church will



Court Dispositions



August 7

Robert R. Griffin, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct charge dismissed by city attorney.

Joshua A.C. Watson, given new trial date of Oct. 2.

Aaron M. Linares, Hoopeston, given new trial date of Sept. 18.

August 21

Linda L. Brown, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to two counts of battery and one count of possession of cannabis; trial Oct. 16.

Santos Zamarripa III, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to burning trash, fined \$180; status hearing Sept. 18.

Tammy J. Reyes, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to impoundment of dogs which have bitter persons, fined

\$330; status hearing Oct. 16.

Mary E. Vaughn, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to two counts of general nuisance, fined \$510; status hearing Nov. 20.

Mary E. Vaughn, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to two counts of owner's duties; trial Oct. 2.

Dennis L. Thomas, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to three counts of general nuisance, fined \$54-; status hearing Sept. 18.

Shane M. Longest, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, fined \$180; status hearing Sept. 18.

Jerri J. Harms, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial Nov. 6.

Scott J. Ford, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial Nov. 6.

Obituaries

DOWNING—Opia Frances (Bennett) Downing, 96, of Armstrong died at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Potomac. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to

Potomac Church of Christ.

WILLIAMS - Edna M. (Bookwalter) Williams, 85, of Sheldon, formerly of Stockland, died at 12:05 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15, 2008 at Watseka Rehab & Health Care Center, Watseka. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, Watseka.

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ted causing the damage. Arrangements were made for the juveniles to make restitution.

Amy M. Golladay, 24, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 8:11 a.m. Tuesday.

Police said Golladay, in a 2000 Ford Expedition, was southbound on Euclid, turning left onto Penn when she it a 2002 Dodge Dakota driven by Michael J. Shipman, also of Hoopeston. Shipman was turning onto Euclid from Penn.

No injuries were reported.

Weather



Patchy fog early, then sunny today. High 76. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 50. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 76, low 53.

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

co-host a seminar by Grace Institute, “Taking the next step: Becoming a Great Commission Church from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4.

The seminar will be held in the fellowship hall of First Christian Church, 502 E. Main St., Hoopeston.

Special early bird rates until Friday, Sept. 20: \$69 per person for groups of four or more.

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