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## Affordable Workforce Housing development approved

### Next step is finding tax credits buyer

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) is recommending approval of a proposed Affordable Workforce Housing development in Hoopeston.

The recommendation for 2009 "Round II" applications is scheduled to be made to the board of directors at its August 21 meeting in Chicago.

According to sources affiliated with the project, the board has never denied an IHDA recommendation.

The development was one of 12 recommended out of 60 applicants.

To be called Prairie Meadows, the development will

consist of 25 single-family homes, both ranch and two-story. Already, 26 people have asked to be put on a waiting list for the homes, said Jean Minick, VISTA volunteer for housing. Of the 26, half are senior citizens, she said.

The homes will be built on roughly 10 acres of the former Hoopeston Industrial Corporation site on Rt. 9. The two- and three-bedroom homes will have square footages ranging from 1050 to 1350. The development will also include a 1.76 acre park and will

**See HOUSING on other side**

## Village of Rossville to pay more for workers' health insurance

ROSSVILLE—The cost of insuring village workers will go up more than 38 percent later this year.

At Monday's village board meeting, Mayor Terry Prillaman told trustees that Personal Care health insurance will go up 38.4 percent in September, according to village insurance agent James Crose of Crose Insurance Agency.

Crose has provided the village with applications for enrollment in another carrier, as well as alternatives.

In unrelated discussion, Prillaman told the board that a representative of energy broker Affiliated Power Purchasers International (APPI) said the company will not be able to offer a competitive rate to the village because of a reduction in AmerenCIPS rates, effective in August.

A second company is reviewing village electric bills and will report at a later date with available cost savings, he said.

In unrelated business, the board:

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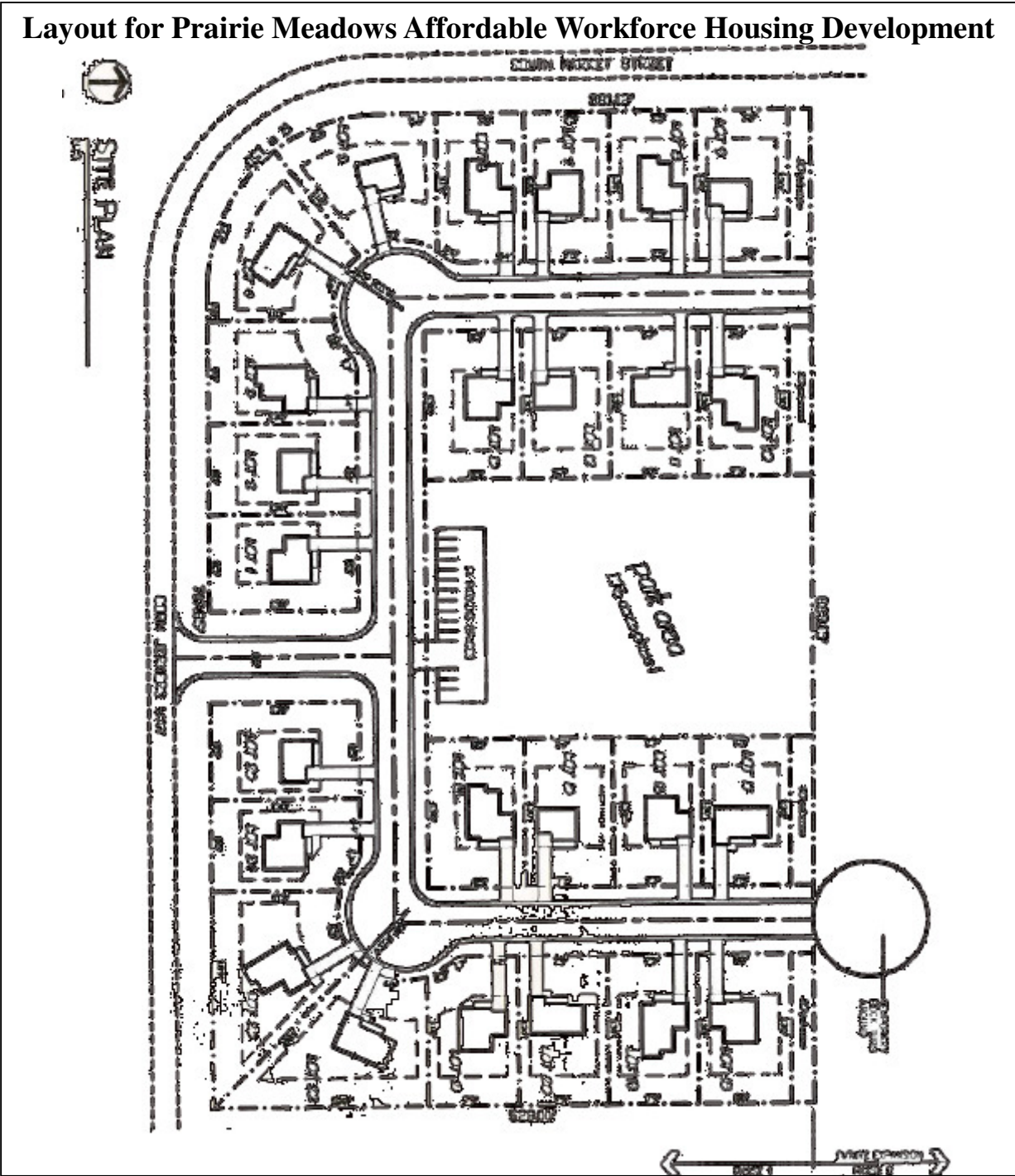
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Layout for Prairie Meadows Affordable Workforce Housing Development



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have curbs, gutters and sidewalks throughout. The development is estimated at nearly \$5 million. Hoopeston has agreed to earmark \$400,000, in cash or in kind, towards the project. The next step in the process is to find a buyer for low income housing tax credits, in the amount of \$356,072. Construction will not begin until the tax credits have

Rossville continued from other side

- Unanimously approved Edy Farnsworth as the new deputy cler/collector. She replaces Denise Matthews who resigned after 15 years in the position.
- Approved a special use permit for 201 S. Chicago allowing Clay and Tiffany Jeffers to open a massage therapy business.
- Heard from Chuck Cornell, health/safety committee chairman, recommending the village not take bids for trash hauling at this time.

Obituaries

**LAYDEN** - Bernice “Bunny” Layden, 88, of Hoopeston, died at 4:20 a.m. Tuesday, July 21 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**SCHARLACH** - Mildred Scharlach, 99, of Hoopeston, died at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at Heritage Manor, Normal. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**SCHARNHORST** - Frances G. “Franny” (Rutledge) Scharnhorst, 76, of Hoopeston, died at 1:47 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 74. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 58. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 80, low 65. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

been sold and the money put in place. Once the development is completed, tenants may apply and will be screened. Tenants must meet minimum/maximum income requirements and must abide by regulations set by the development’s management company. Planning for this subdivision began in 2006 when then-economic director Shannon Ruh contacted the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs Rural Community Development Initiative for Housing located at Western Illinois University who provided the taskforce with technical assistance and funding. The approval is sweet news for Minick, who has worked on the project since 2007. “I’m extremely excited that we’ve been able to advance to this point,” she said. “The Housing Taskforce and additional volunteers are to be commended for the great effort that they gave to this development.”

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