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Rossville citizens and members of the village board listen as Richard Stump makes a point about recent fires in the village at Monday's board meeting.

Residents discuss fire concerns, solutions crime in Rossville

ROSSVILLE—After having two citizens' meetings, a group of residents attended Monday night's village board meeting to seek solutions to residential fires and other crimes in the village.

Richard Stump, spokesman for the group, told the board that five fires, including two on Gilbert St., that residents believe were arsons and drug-related. Also, residents have experienced break-ins, including an elderly widow who had a burglar break into her home while she was in bed. "Senior citizens are running pretty scared," Stump told the board.

Stump said the fires - five in total - occurred between midnight and 5 a.m., hours when village officers had not been patrolling and asked that police patrol during those

He also said the group is concerned about drug activity, saying the problem is "probably here to stay," but encouraged residents to "be aware of what's going on."

Trustee Charles Cornell, chairman of the police committee, said the committee met November 9 to discuss scheduling so that an officer will be on duty at night.

However, police chief Bill Shannon called modifying the schedule a "temporary fix" and said he is uncomfortable discussing officers' patrol hours

Residents wondered if the village could hire an officer See CRIME on other side



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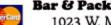
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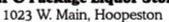




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Getting the picture

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Crime continued from other side

to work the third shift or apply for grants to fund such a position. "Even if we doubled the real estate taxes, we wouldn't be able to afford another officer," Prillaman said.

Prillaman said he has talked with Sheriff Pat Hartshorn, who assured him when a deputy is in the northern part of the county, they will give Rossville extra patrol.

Shannon added that Hoopeston officers are available for backup or to be on scene until a Rossville officer arrives.

Another concern is Shannon's residence. Although he keeps an apartment in the village, residents complain he is often gone. Prillaman responded that Shannon meets the requirements for residency, including having a Rossville address and receiving mail and voting there.

Both trustees and residents agreed citizens should become more involved, perhaps by reinstating the Neighborhood Watch program. However, Stump said, for it to be successful, residents who report activity must be willing to back it up by filing a complaint and getting involved.

Prillaman and Shannon are willing to meet with residents who wish to form a Neighborhood Watch.

Weather



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