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## **Easter Sunday Services**

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## Village water main project to be rebid after heated debate

ROSSVILLE—A project to take water to a new subdivision will be rebid after dissention on the village board.



Photo contributed

### Noteworthy donation

Harry Brockus, back right, Hoopeston Regional Health Center CEO, presents a \$6,000 check to Wendy Ronna, Hoopeston Area High School band director. The donation is for the band's trip in December to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis. Also pictured are front, drum majors Emily Margevich, Mac Conolly and Terra Sharlach, and back, Superintendent Hank Hornbeck and Principal Larry Maynard.

At Monday's board meeting, trustees again addressed the issue, an 8" water main to go to Earl Court. Mayor Terry Prillaman reviewed the history of the project, which officially started last fall when the

village received two \$50,000 grants.

Original plans called for the main to go down Summit to Earl Court. The larger main was to provide more water volume to the area, which would enhance fire protection in the area.

After the plan was approved, Prillaman said, Superintendent Randy Lusk decided the main should go down the alley instead of Summit.

Bids were sought for both plans, with the lowest being a \$142,900 bid to go from Attica to Earl Court. Officials asked the winning bidder to downsize the project, which then became an \$87,000 project going to McKibben.

According to Prillaman, Lusk then wanted to take the main down Grove, which Prillaman vetoed, saying the project had already been bid and accepted.

Another engineer approached the board about a way to save money on the project, using a computer program to show things like hydrants and estimated water pressure. "It looked good on paper but this was the biggest dog and pony show that's ever been put on," Prillaman said.

Then, Prillaman said, Trustee Dick Queen and Lusk decided the work could be done more economically with city employees and materials, saving about \$50,000.

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## Main continued from other side

Prillaman pointed out what he believes is fallacy about that argument. Of the original \$100,000, the village has spent \$14,250 on engineering fees, leaving \$85,750. From that, \$30,653 would be subtracted for materials; \$14,600 for employees who would be paid prevailing wage; \$3,000 for a timekeeper; and \$9,100 in usage for village-owned equipment, leaving a savings of \$28,397.

Queen responded that only the portion of wages between current rates and the prevailing wage would need to be covered by grant money, but Prillaman disagreed, say-



ing the total cost must come from grand money under the approved grant proposal.

Queen then wanted to know why a timekeeper was needed. Prillaman explained that under the grant, employees' pay is determined by the jobs they are doing, such as driving a truck or working "in the hole," and that, because he has to sign off on time claims, he is hesitant to take someone's word for how much time was

## **Police News**

**Gail D. Savage**, 53, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 1:35 a.m. Monday at Anthem Chevrolet, 424 N. Dixie Highway. He was charged with criminal damage to auto over \$300 and was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

Luis H. Montano, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 10:44 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of South Third Street. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear/bench trial/no valid driver's license, he was released on \$375 cash bond.

spent on a particular job. "It's easy to milk a proposal like this," he said.

"Wow," Queen responded. "So now you're saying Randy and the guys are milking it?"

After denying that, Prillaman said another reason employees should not do the work is they will get behind on other projects, such as installing radio read water meters and installing a sidewalk at Dollar General.

In the end, Trustee Nancy Null made a motion to rebid the project, using 8" pipe down Summit from Gilbert to Earl Court, thereby replacing a 4" line. The motion was approved 5-1, with Queen voting against it.

In unrelated business, the board:

• Heard from Michelle Wright of Vermilion County ESDA about the need for trustees to take National Incident Management System (NIMS) tests, which cover emergency plans. Failure to do so will result in the village being ineligible for grants, she said.

• Approved the sale of Avenue Broadband to New Wave Communications. Bill Flowers, New Wave's Illinois manager, said the company plans to improve phone service. Flowers also heard complaints about

## Obituaries

**CROUCH** - James W. "Jim" Crouch, 75,of Hoopeston, died at 6:25 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2011, at Heartland Health Care Center, Paxton. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. **HALLARON** - Funeral service for George and Evelyn Hallaron will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford, with military rites by Milford and Watseka American Legion posts and Iroquois County VFW post. Friends and family will gather at Milford Family Restaurant after burial. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association.

## Weather

Chance of showers today. High 54. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 33. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of thunderstorms late. High 52, low 41.

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

internet service under Avenue.

• Approved a zoning recommendation for a conditional use for the sole wind turbine that will be in Rossville jurisdiction in a planned wind farm, with the stipulation that it be constructed by May 1, 2014.

• Approved reappointing Cathy Brooks and Phyllis Bell to the zoning board.

• Commended Clerk Chris Pearson for quickly getting out new water bills after a computer glitch incorrectly doubled all minimums for water customers.

•Heard from Prillaman that construction on the new medical clinic is set to begin May 1 north of the fire station. Construction is expected to be complete on October 9-10.

## Classifieds

#### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

HOOPESTON - COZY 2-Bedroom 1-Bath Unit. Full basement. Walk to shopping, quiet area. NO PETS. \$475 + deposit. 624 S. 8th. Available April 1, 2011. 4 plex across from the park. Do not disturb the tenant. Call for more info. 217-260-2546.

#### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Coin Laundry is looking for a part time Delivery Driver. Two deliveries a day at 6 am and 10 am, in Hoopeston. Less than 2 hours a day, 5 to 7 days per week. Experience driving a one ton truck preferred. Good job for retired person or someone looking for extra income. Applications available at Hoopeston Coin Laundry, 209 South 1st Ave..

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#### RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 615 E. Penn Moving/Rummage Sale. Sat., 8 am - 2 pm. Antiques, collectibles, antique dining room set, chairs, bedroom set, other furniture, Total Gym, ping pong table, dishes, clothes, odds and ends.

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