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## Trustees take steps to sell vacant lot, worry about building

ROSSVILLE—Village trustees approved taking steps to sell a vacant lot while worrying about the condition of a downtown building.

At Monday's village board meeting, trustees approved selling the lot, at 113 Maple, as surplus property. Mayor Terry Prillaman said that in order to sell the lot as surplus property entails "a lot of hoops to jump through," including publishing a legal notice once weekly for three weeks and taking sealed bids on the property.

Prillaman said officials do not need to accept any bids received and may, at a future date, sell the property to someone who makes an offer.

The village has spent nearly \$11,000 on the lot, paying back taxes, demolition costs and legal fees to get possession of the property, Prillaman said.

The 66' x 132' lot is large enough to build a small house but Prillaman guesses that whomever purchases it will also want to purchase the lot behind it. That lot is not village-owned.

## Police News

A 36-year-old woman reported at 8:33 a.m. Monday that someone took a bottle of prescription medication from a locker at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home.

Telvon J. Chatman, 29, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:47 p.m. Monday at Route 1 and Honeywell. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Zacaria C. Sage, 23, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 10:48 p.m. Monday after an incident at Second Chance, 102 N. Market. He was charged with battery and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

In other business, Prillaman said the top of the former Gallerie Romantique building, at 101 S. Chicago, is separating from the building next to it by as much as 2.5 inches. A letter will be sent to the owners and if it is not repaired, the village may take legal action against them.

Trustee Pete Gossett asked if the village is "opening a can of worms" because of the number of buildings that have fallen into disrepair. Prillaman said the village may be but will start with what he considers the worst one first.

In related discussion, Gossett and trustee Dick Queen said some work done on a village-owned building at 107 E. Attica needs to be fixed before the village pays the contractor.

Queen said plaster is falling off in a couple of places and other plaster has hairline cracks in it. Also, a pile of debris was left at the site.

Additionally, Gossett said that, while it wasn't in the contract, he was disappointed that employees of Contois Masonry & Concrete Contractors of Donovan did not notify officials of the condition of the building's interior.

In May, trustees approved hiring Contois for the masonry work and C and C General Contractors of Momence to install a metal roof.

In unrelated business, trustees:

- Approved changing the village's two emergency sirens to narrow band at a cost of \$4,915, based on a proposal from Barbeck Communications. Trustees will have to amend the budget, which did not include the project, which must be done for the sirens to work, Prillaman said.

- Trustee Nancy Null said if they hurry, trustees can apply for a USDA rural development grant to cover

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## Briefly

### Bike Safety


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### VBS

Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene will hold “PRAISE” vacation bible school from 6-8 p.m. July 22-26. Children ages 4-sixth grade are welcome. Stealth Force 7, a Christian improve group, will help



## Letters to the Editor



### Obamacare decision threatens liberty

With the Supreme Court’s ruling on Obamacare, we now face an egregious threat to personal liberty and religious freedom. It gives government bureaucrats alarming power over individual’s healthcare decisions and will lead to conflicts of conscience.

with each night’s opening, to help children get the point of the lessons and will interact with youngsters during the remainder of the evening. Each session will include music, games, crafts and snacks. To preregister, call (217) 283-9771; there is a limit of 100 children.

### Gospel music in the park

The Christianaires Quartet from Pennville, Ind., and Silver Lining Quartet from Mahomet and Monticello, will perform in concert at Gospel Music in the Park from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Rossville’s Christman Park. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be taken. Bring a friend and lawn chair. In case of rain, the


Contrary to their promises to Congress as well as to the general public, proponents of Obamacare have succeeded in arguing to the Supreme Court that the individual mandate is now federal tax. People of faith will now be forced to either abandon their religious beliefs or resist and be fined with a “tax,” as this onerous law forces insurance companies to pay for abortion-inducing drugs, contraception and sterilizations, and many types of abortions.

We urge our national lawmakers to repeal the law and take a reasonable approach to reforming what’s wrong with healthcare. The federal reach into the lives of each and every American citizen is of grave concern and the accompanying threats to freedom of conscience challenge the very concept of liberty.

We hope and pray that this monumental decision will be the catalyst to awaken and unite American voters – especially people of faith – this November, and that voter choose to reaffirm our individual and Constitutional liberties through the choices they make at the ballot box.

David E. Smith, Executive Director  
 Illinois Family Institute

## Weather



Chance of storms today, tonight, tomorrow. High today 96, low 72. Tomorrow, high 91, low 69.

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

event will be moved to Rossville Church of Christ.

### Donations sought

Hoopeston Multi Agency is seeking donations of school supplies. Last year, the agency spent \$1,800 and served 240 low-income children. They try to fulfill what is needed for each grade level. To donate, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Avenue.

### Soccer signups extended

Sign ups for Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer without a \$15 late fee have been extended until Saturday, July 28. The link to sign up online is [www.danvillesoccer.org](http://www.danvillesoccer.org). If a form is needed for mail in purposes prior to this date, or for more information on the league, contact Kathy Harding at 217-497-6686.

## Trustees continued from other side

at least part of the cost.

- Heard from Prillaman that there seems to be a large leak in the village water system, of about 50,000 gallons daily. He is going to get information on a listening device that is hooked on hydrants and “hears” water flow.

Approved blocking East Attica from noon August 4 to noon August 5 for a street dance.

## Classifieds

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