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Small audience hears annual details of city TIF program

Ald. Bill Goodwine had a small audience for the annual tax increment financing (TIF) Joint Board of Review meeting Wednesday.

A Joint Board of Review meeting is held annually to update taxing bodies affected by the TIF on income, expenses and other TIF-related information. The report was based on TIF activity between May 1, 2018 and April 3 2019.

Representatives of the taxing bodies, which include Hoopeston Area schools, Hoopeston Public Library, Grant Township, Vermilion County, Danville Area Community College and others, are invited to each meeting.

The only representative attending Wednesday's meeting was Lisa Leigh, representing North Fork Special Service Area.

Goodwine gave a brief overview of Hoopeston's two TIF districts, TIF 1, the city's larger district, which includes commercial areas on Rtes. 1 and 9, including McDonald's, the former Dick Jones Auto Sales, Hooterville Broadcasting building, down Rt. 9 to the high school and hospital, and north down Market to include the downtown business area, which also runs down Main to Silgan.

TIF 2 includes CVS, Gibson Health of Hoopeston and the new First Farmers Bank & Trust location. The former FFBT site is in TIF 1

TIF 3, which was comprised of farm ground east of Euclid owned by Larry Petry, was disbanded after seven years of inaction, Goodwine said.

In the last year, Hoopeston's TIF program received



Ald. Bill Goodwine discusses Hoopeston's tax increment financing (TIF) districts at a Joint Review Board meeting Wednesday.

property tax income of \$260,654.50; \$9,947.58 from interest; and \$30 from other sources.

Expenses included \$2,107 for engineering work on the Rt. 1 corner, \$106,655.63 for TIF income sharing and \$3,520 in other expenses.

TIF income sharing includes two businesses with whom the city has redevelopment agreements: Autumn Fields, which received \$30,642.73 and CVS, which received \$26,012.90. Another \$50,000 was given to Hoopeston Area School District towards its all-weather track project.

Other expenses include fees totaling \$1,020 to Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley the city's TIF attorneys and \$2,500 to Vermilion Advantage.

On April 30 2019, the TIF account had a balance of \$462,835.24. Since then, CVS and Autumn Fields received their 2019 income sharing, with CVS receiving \$33,460.93 and Autumn Fields getting \$54,953.88.

Goodwine said Autumn Fields' assessment went up, resulting in higher property taxes for them and a

higher share amount.

Another \$20,813.54 has gone to engineering fees for the truck stop.

In the absence of Mayor Bill Crusinberry, Goodwine briefly discussed what lies ahead for the coming year, including the possible truck stop on Rt. 1.

He expects "a lot of bills" for the truck stop, as the city agreed to put in water to where the truck stop will be, and up to \$175,000 to reimburse Subway owners to move

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Briefly

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Littles @ the Library**, 10:30-11 a.m. every Friday. For kids 0-5 and their caretakers. Features stories, songs, crafts, learning and movement activities.

Adult holiday craft, 2-3 p.m. Monday. Make a pine cone holiday door hanger. Registration for this event is closed.

STEM Design Squad, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. A free program sponsored by WILL Illinois Public Media where kids get involved with creative problem solving and inventing. For third grade and up.

Hoopeston Historical Society meeting

Hoopeston Historical Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Hoopeston Library basement. This is the Thanksgiving meeting, bring a snack or finger food to share.

Bulk garbage collection

The weather's supposed to be nice this weekend so get rid of that junk at Hoopeston's bulk garbage collection, from 7:30-11:30 Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. This is for Hoopeston residents only.

Breast cancer support group

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. Our next meeting will be at November 21. Spread the word and join us for a meeting to support past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9824.

Parade entries sought

Milford is seeking entries for its fourth annual Christmas parade, which will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. The parade is open to businesses, organizations, fire de-

partments, youth groups and others. Entries will be judged in categories of Best Youth, Best Religious/Non-Profit, Best Decorated Emergency Vehicle and Best Use of Theme, which is "Old Fashioned Christmas." Winners in each category will win \$50. For questions or registration information, call (815) 889-5418.

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Obituaries

BIRD - Annabelle (Lingley) Bird, 95, of Hoopeston, died at 9:42 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the church, 502 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

TIF continued from other side

their restaurant from the Hooterville Broadcasting building across the street to the former First Farmers Bank and Trust building.

The other planned project is a motel. "I think Bill (Crusinberry) is pretty optimistic about that one, too, and if that's the case, that could be a biggie" Goodwine said.

The final issue Goodwine discussed is a request from Grant Township Supervisor, who, he said, feels left out of the process, only learning things after they've been voted on by Hoopeston City Council. "She feels they should be involved earlier, because it's their money, which is reasonable.

While Goodwine said it would be good to include taxing bodies in the process, "the flip side of the coin is confidentiality," and that including more people would increase the likelihood of information being leaked when it should not be.

TAYLOR - Larry L. Taylor, 67, of Milford, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Memorial visitation will be 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

WARNER - Anna Rachel Warner, 21, of Beaver-ville, died at 2:38 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019, in Crown Point, Ind. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Speaking of Crusinberry, "he has learned that whatever we discuss in executive session is on the street the next morning. It's a two-edged sword."

Goodwine said he initially thought the Illinois Open Meetings Act, designed to provide transparency to voters, "would be the ruination of city government." But looking back several years, "the good outweighs the bad."

Goodwine said Deck has a good point and he will continue to consider how to be more open with representatives of taxing bodies while still providing confidentiality where it is required.

Weather

Sunny today. High 37. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 21. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 38, low 23. Sunday, mostly cloudy. High 39, low 28.