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## Garrett appointed to Ward 3, snow complaints addressed

Hoopeston's Ward 3 has a new alderman.

In a 5-1 vote, Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved Joe Garrett to the position. Voting in favor were council members Louridine Florek, Robin Lawson, Bill McElhaney and Jeff Wise. Saying five votes were needed, Mayor Bill Crusinberry cast the fifth aye. Ald. Carl Ankenbrand was absent.

Ald. Bill Goodwine voted against the appointment because of the relative proximity of the April election in which Garrett is one of two candidates running for the seat.

Goodwine suggested Crusinberry appoint someone else to fill in until a new alderman is elected, saying there are

600 registered voters in the ward and 598 from which one could be appointed.

Crusinberry responded, saying, "My thinking is, if you have to ask someone to be on the council, they don't want to be on the council." Garrett offered to serve and is "someone I can work with," he added.

During the public comment section of the meeting, Joshua Clifton, a Ward 3 resident, asked Crusinberry how many council meetings Garrett has attended. Citing Roberts Rules of Order, Crusinberry responded that he would make no comment.

Asked how many signatures Garrett had on his petition, Crusinberry again said "no comment."

"It seems to me you put in someone to be your puppet," Clifton said. "That's MY comment, Mr. Mayor. Our elected officials - vote them all out of office. They deserve it."

The seat became open with the September 3, 2020, resignation email submitted by Alex Houmes.

Crusinberry said that by statute, resignations must be signed and notarized. Houmes submitted a signed, notarized letter after he was made aware it was needed, Crusinberry said after the meeting.

The council has one remaining unfilled seat, that of Chad Yaden, who resigned October 18, 2020, also by email. No residents filed to run for the Ward 1 seat.

In unrelated business, Ald. Jeff Wise, street/alley committee chairman, said last week's snow resulted in several resident complaints about alleys not getting plowed and driveways getting plowed closed.

Wise said alleys were too soft to plow and doing so would have damaged them. "We have two options," he said, "plow and fix them in the summer or not plow." There is no ordinance that states the city must plow alleys, he said.

Wise wondered whether the parks department, which has much of the same equipment as the street department, could help with some of the small plow-

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Arrested at her home in the 700 block of South First Ave., she was charged with violation of stalking no contact order and disorderly conduct and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

## Obituaries

**FOLEY** - Donald R. Foley Jr., 59, of Hoopeston, died at 8:08 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2020, at The Waters of Covington, Covington, Ind. He will be cremated and services held at a later date. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

## Weather

Breezy, chance of rain/snow today, tonight. High 39, low 15. Tomorrow, partly sunny, breezy. High 22, low 6.

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Regarding plowing driveways closed after they've been cleared by residents, Wise said he would talk with department members but indicated the situation will likely continue. "I don't foresee us going around and plowing driveways," he said.

Crusinberry concurred, saying department employees spent about 17 hours plowing snow. To plow the driveways of half of the roughly 2,200 households, even if it only took two minutes each, would be another 33 hours, he said.

While there is little that may be done about either situation, "I completely understand their frustration," Wise said.

In other action, the council unanimously approved an engineering services agreement with Donahue and Associates Engineering, of Champaign, at a cost not to exceed \$26,000.

The agreement covers design, bidding and construction administration phases of a program to replace the sanitary sewer line in the alley between Washington and Lincoln, planning from Sixth St. to Euclid.

The sewer is Water Supt. Steve Baker's top priority, said Ald. Lourdine Florek, water/sewer chairman. The department has been fighting breaks in the crumbling line for several years. Crusinberry called the sewer line "an old-style field tile," often used in earlier days.

Efforts to televise the line have been unsuccessful because of breaks and because of the length of the line, which only has a manhole on Sixth St. and another on Euclid.

Preliminary plans call for two more manholes to be installed.

This project, and one that would put a new water main on Market St. between Penn and Seminary, are Baker's two priorities, Florek said. The sewer line will be replaced with a \$400,000 state grant and a low-interest EPA loan is expected to pay for the water main. That loan, along with two existing loans, will be repaid using money generated by the infrastructure maintenance fee, a \$10 per month fee paid by city water customers that is earmarked for water/sewer repairs.

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