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**City council approves big-dollar water/sewer expenditures**

In 6-0 votes, Hoopeston City Council approved some high-dollar items for the city's water/sewer department. Ald. Stephen Eyrich, water/sewer chairman, outlined each of the expenses, which include:

- A not-to-exceed \$3 million low-interest Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan for repairs and upgrades to the water system, the water treatment plant and water main replacement on Market St. from Main to Honeywell. Eyrich said the mains there - including one that recently broke outside Russ Leigh's office - were installed in 1888, making them 135 years old.

Aside from offering low interest, Hoopeston's economy has been such that the city has qualified for 40 per-

cent principle forgiveness.

- Related to that, the council approved Task Order #7, an agreement with Donahue & Associates to oversee aspects of the project at cost not to exceed \$103,300.
- A second task order, #8, was approved at a total cost of \$28,500 for Donahue's work in preparing a vision statement, water source assessment, objectives and action plan for a Source Water Protection Plan mandated by the IEPA.

Donahue is to have a draft plan completed for city review by June 1. A workshop will be held in mid-June with city officials to review the draft plan, with a final plan submitted to the city by July 1. Comments from the city will be incorporated in the final version, which is to be submitted to IEPA by July 20.

- Software that will calculate what Hoopeston water/sewer rates should be to keep the department solvent. The Waterworks program will cost \$6,450 annually. After a motion was made by Eyrich and seconded by Ald. Kellie Ferrell, Ald. Bob Porth, finance committee chairman, said, "If it says we have to raise rates, you have to stand behind it."

Mayor Jeff Wise quickly added that there was no guarantee the program would recommend increasing rates.

  - A water-meter ordering mix-up in which 500 water meters ordered last May did not arrive until last month - after 400 were ordered last fall - resulted in an extra \$116,000 expense. Considering the rising cost of goods, Eyrich wanted to keep the meters. "If you ordered them now, they'd be more than \$232 apiece," he said. He met with Ald. Bob Porth, finance chairman, to work out a way to keep and pay for the meter bonanza. The department found the money to pay for meters and will not order any next fiscal year, Eyrich said.
  - The council also approved purchasing seven new fire hydrants for a total cost of \$23,952
  - A 2022 Chevrolet Colorado will be joining the water department fleet. Purchased from Anthem Chevrolet, the

See WATER/SEWER on other side

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We have so many participating businesses in town, including The Raining Moon, Midnight Monsters Fashions, Mercedes Warner, Nieves Varela, Rosville Family Restaurant, Lithgow Automotive, Hoopeston Express Lube, The Pump, Treasured Roots Flowers Gifts, & Garden, Pizza King, Scentsy with Bre Wallace, Golden Apothecary by Betty Golden, Pink Poodle Unique Boutique, and Hometown Home-spun.

Thank you everybody who has entered.  
**The drawing will be on Valentine's day!**





## Briefly

### Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: The library will be closed Monday for Lincoln's Birthday and February 20 for Presidents' Day.

**Littles @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are inviting to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

**Kids STEAM Lab**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, for kids in grades 1-5. This week's project, a heart pump and liquid density.

**Treeclimbers Genealogy**, 10:30 a.m. Saturday. For beginners and experienced genealogists.

For information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or stop by 110 N. Fourth St.

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### HMA activities

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

**Card group meets** Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

### Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be February 16.

Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

### Music service

Chestnut Street Church has started up its evening music service again. It will be held at 6 p.m. the third Sunday of each month. Everyone is invited.

### Community outreach dinner

Feeling lost? Community Outreach Free Dinner, second and fourth Friday of the month at 5:30 pm. First Church of God 1004 E Orange St Hoopeston.

## Lunch Menus

### Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Taco, salad, chips & salsa, baby carrots, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Ravioli, Max Stix, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, Veggy Juice, mixed fruit, milk

### Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken strips, broccoli, veggies, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, veggies, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli, Max Stick, salad, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog, baked beans, veggies, peaches, milk

Please join us for a night of healthy food, friendships and recourses to help the hurting and addicted.

Van pick up by the Hoopeston Multi Agency at 5:15 p.m.

## Obituaries

**WEIDIG** - Darlene (Cross) Weidig, 71, of Hoopeston, died at 9:27 a.m. Thursday, February 9, 2023, at home. She will be cremated. No service is scheduled at this time. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

### Water/Sewer continued from other side

vehicle is costing \$30,045. The new truck was budgeted at \$40,000, with the cost split between the water and sewer departments, Eyrich said.

• The final expense was to fix a pump at the pump house. The work was "in dire need," Eyrich said. When the pump was returned, the motor worked, but the pump did not, requiring a second repair. The total for both was \$5,035.

Eyrich, along with Porth, Ferrell, Jesse Gonzalez, Robin Lawson and Rachele Miller voted to approve the expenditures. Aldermen Kyle Richards and Joe Garrett were absent.

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk  
**Hoopeston Area High School**

MONDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, broccoli, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Salisbury steak or calzone, mashed potatoes, salad bar, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Fettuccini Alfredo or BBQ rib/bun, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

## Weather

Becoming sunny today. High 54. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 32. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, then showers likely, breezy. High 52, low 47.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

## From the Blotter

**A Hoopeston man** was taken by Arrow Ambulance to Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center after an accident at 10:59 p.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of West Elm.

Police said Jacob Cordes, 37, of Hoopeston, on a 4-wheeler, crashed into a fence owned by Michael Bodensteiner, also of Hoopeston.

Cordes was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident driving while license suspended, operation of non-highway vehicle on street and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

**A 17-year-old** Hoopeston girl was arrested after police were called at 12:03 a.m. Saturday for a disturbance in the 700 block of North Market. A computer check showed she was wanted on an Iroquois County warrant.

The girl was taken to the police station, then to the Juvenile Detention Center in Danville.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring Machine Operators, \$18/hr. Apply at [www.full-fill.com](http://www.full-fill.com). Applications available onsite. EOE

The Vermilion Housing Authority in Hoopeston is hiring a Maintenance Mechanic, starting pay \$20/hr. Applications available online at [www.vermilionhousing.com](http://www.vermilionhousing.com).

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MILFORD CROSSROADS YOUTH CENTER is seeking a DIRECTOR., Flexible Hours. Working with youth in grades 2-10. Applications available at Milford Building & Loan, Milford Village Hall or on Facebook at Milford Crossroads Youth Center. Contact Rod at (815) 471-4634. Immediate start date.

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

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