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Incorporation still on the table

Beloit Town Board keeps open option to refile petition

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TOWN OF BELOIT

The Beloit Town Board voted Monday to keep open the option to resubmit an incorporation petition with

the state.

In January, Rock County Judge Barbara McCrory gave the town until March 15 to notify the court if it planned to file a new petition after the state denied the town's first bid to incorporate into a village in December.

Board members voted unanimously Monday night to let McCrory know the town intends to file a new petition. Town officials

maintained they could ultimately decide not to refile, depending on how discussions about a new application shake out.



Wright

Review Board ruled the town's initial proposal did not meet four of the six

statutory requirements for incorporation. The review board is allowing the town to resubmit a petition, and the \$25,000 application fee will be waived if the town files by the end of the year.

Interim Town Administrator Gene Wright said Monday the town will go back to the drawing board and see if it can flesh out a new petition that meets all the statutory requirements. The town

board will create two committees made up of board members and residents to discuss an updated petition.

"The bones of the petition are there," Wright said of reworking the incorporation petition. "We don't have to start over. We just have to go back and clean up and revamp."

Before the regular board meeting Monday, officials hosted an incorporation

workshop, where Wright detailed possible changes to a new bid.

Among the changes discussed were:

- A smaller village.

The town could shrink the size of the proposed village compared to its size in the previous proposal. The new west-side boundary would be at Duggan Road; the town previously

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House Dems launch aggressive Trump probe

Investigation could set stage for future impeachment effort

By Mary Clare Jalonick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Democrats launched a sweeping new probe of President Donald Trump on Monday, an aggressive investigation that threatens to shadow the president through the 2020 election season with potentially damaging inquiries into his White House, campaign and family businesses.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler said his panel was beginning the probe into possible obstruction of justice, corruption and abuse of power and is sending document requests to 81 people linked to the president and his associates.

The broad investigation could be setting the stage for an impeachment effort, although Democratic leaders have pledged to investigate all avenues and review special counsel Robert Mueller's upcoming report before trying any drastic action. Nadler said the document requests, with responses to most due by March 18, are a way to "begin building the public record."

"Over the last several years, President Trump has evaded accountability for his near-daily attacks on our basic legal, ethical, and constitutional rules and norms," Nadler said. "Investigating these threats to the rule of law is an obligation of Congress and a core function of the House Judiciary Committee."

Trump dismissed the Nadler probe and others as futile efforts "in search of a crime."

"Ridiculous!" he exclaimed on Twitter.

Separate congressional probes are already swirling around the president, including an effort announced Monday by three other House Democratic chairmen to obtain information about private conversations between him and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

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Tornadoes hit Deep South

A series of devastating tornadoes tore through sections of Alabama on Sunday, leaving at least 23 people dead and causing catastrophic damage. **For more about Sunday's tornadoes, see Page 6B.**

Above: Residents of Talbotton, Ga., pray together Monday outside a home destroyed by a tornado the day after storms battered Alabama and Georgia.

Left: Hunter Lashley searches through the debris that was his home near Beauregard, Ala., on Monday. The mobile home was destroyed by the fatal tornado Sunday afternoon.

Associated Press photos

Details emerge from Darien murder-suicide

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DARIEN

Standing in a Darien apartment with a bullet in his chest, William W. Swift pleaded for someone to call 911.

Rebecca L. Kohs and her friend who lived in the apartment searched the living room for a phone.

But as the friend dialed

911, Steven W. Kohs—the man Rebecca was divorcing—stormed back inside and said "Who wants to die tonight?"

Then he started shooting again.

The friend told police she ran down the hallway while on the phone and grabbed two children to hide them in a bathtub behind the shower curtain.

Steven shot Swift eight

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Gazette file photo

A piece of yellow police tape sticks to a fire box in front of a Darien apartment building that was the site of a murder-suicide late last year.

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