

FISH ROAD PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2002
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

Pursuant to proper notice duly given as required by law, the City Council met in the Chambers of City Hall on Monday, January 14, 2002. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Darrell Swanson, Sandy Eliason, Chuck Miller, Irene Schultz and Dean Swanson. Also present was City Administrator Thomas Swenson, City Attorney Paul Sandelin, City Engineer Dave Reese, Public Works Director Ted Strand and Clerk/Treasurer Darlene Roach. (Sign in sheet attached as a permanent part of the minutes.)

Mayor Swanson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:33 P.M.

City Administrator Tom Swenson read the Affidavit of Mailing and Publication. Included with the Affidavit is a copy of the hearing notice which was mailed to all affected property owners noting the time and date of the hearing, a copy of the prepaid addressed envelopes showing the benefiting property owners name and address which was obtained from the Crow Wing County Auditor's Office and a copy of Page 9 of the Feasibility Study showing the assessment summary. On December 20th and December 27th a notice of hearing was published in the Lake Country Echo. On December 28th, a letter was received from Will and Eleanor Leyendecker opposed to the improvement. Mayor Swanson stated that since this is not a city maintained road, the project will be assessed to the property owners at 100%.

The meeting was turned over to City Engineer Dave Reese who presented an overview of the feasibility report prepared by Widseth Smith Nolting. The full report is available at City Hall. The project area of Fish Road currently abuts 4 lots/parcels. The project begins at the paved portion of CSAH 3, then extends approximately 300 feet to the southeast and ends at a driveway entrance to Lot 8. Fish Road is currently designated a "non-maintained" roadway. The Bass Lake Reserve Plat indicates that a 66 foot wide road right of way exists with a circular cul de sac of 120 foot diameter. Currently Fish Road is an aggregate surfaced road that has an average width of 24 feet. Ditching is fair to limited. No evidence of severe erosion was observed. Clear zone is good and there appears to be adequate space for snow storage. The elevation of the road at the intersection with CSAH 3 is low and there is not enough elevation to construct a culvert to maintain ditch drainage on the County roadway. Based on right-of-way width, the number of lots served and the existing roadway surface, Fish Road would be categorized as a Lane or Access. A minimum 18 foot wide pavement, 2 inch thick bituminous surface on a 4 inch thick aggregate base and 2 foot wide topsoil shoulders is proposed. A branch style turnaround is proposed to facilitate maintenance. Disturbance to existing driveways will be minimized and adjustments to driveways due to roadway construction will be made as needed. However, improvements to and/or paving of driveways are not anticipated to be a part of this project. Existing paved driveways will be matched with new bituminous pavement when the distance to the existing paved driveway is within the

road right-of-way at the time of construction. Other existing paved driveway entrances may receive a bituminous apron, or kickout, of one to two feet that matches the existing driveway width. Homeowners who wish to blacktop driveways need to make separate agreements with the contractor of their choice for this work.

The estimated construction cost is \$7,680 plus \$768 (10% contingency) plus \$4,225 for engineering, legal and administrative expenses for a total estimated project cost of \$12,675. The estimated number of equivalent lots is 4 for an estimated cost of \$3,170 per lot. Financing terms will be decided at the final assessment hearing, however, the City has used a financing term of ten years on previous assessment projects. For purpose of examples of costs spread over five and ten years, an interest rate of 8% was used. The assessment can be paid in full within thirty days of the final assessment hearing without any interest being accrued.

The meeting was open to the Council for questions. There being no questions or comments, the hearing was open to the public for comments. Duane Ambuehl, owner of two of the four lots, addressed the Council and stated that he was not in favor of the improvement. He stated that the City had initiated the project based on a letter received from the Leyendecker's regarding the City taking over maintenance of the road.

There being no further comments, MOTION PH2-01-01-02 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY SANDY ELIASON TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISH ROAD AT 6:50 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Recorded and transcribed by,



Darlene J. Roach
Clerk/Treasurer

