PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY NO. 3 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012
6:00 P.M. - CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Session on Monday, January 30, 2012 at City Hall. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Darrell Schneider, Steve Roe, Dean Swanson, Rusty Taubert and John Moengen. Also present was City Administrator Tom Swenson, Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Max, Community Development Director Ken Anderson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, General Manager Paul Hoge, Operations Manager Jared Johnson, Northland Press Reporter Paul Boblett and Echo Publishing Reporter Kate Perkins. There were approximately 40 people in the audience.

1. Call to order – Mayor Schneider called the public information meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed improvement project for C.S.A.H. No. 3 which is scheduled for 2014. Mayor Schneider introduced Steve Stroschein and Mark Melby from the Crow Wing County Highway Department and then turned the meeting over to them to review the project with the Council. Mr. Stroschein noted that C.S.A.H. No. 3 from C.S.A.H. 37 to Fifty Lakes is one of the worst roads in the County and there are many deficiencies that simply cannot be corrected with a mil and overlay. Since funding for the project will come from State Aid, the County will need to design the road according to state specifications which include 12 foot driving lanes and six foot paved shoulders. There will also be approximately four curve realignments and some slight grade changes. Mr. Stroschein said the State approved preliminary plans are for the road to be designed at 50 MPH with one section lowering to 40 MPH with curb and gutter. The curb and gutter section would include 66 feet of right-of-way, while the rest of the road right-of-way would be increased from 66 feet to 100 feet. Mr. Melby commented that as part of the road design process, the County would hire an appraiser to look at each affected property where the County would need to obtain additional right-of-way property. The County would then contact each additional property owner to negotiate a price for the additional property. The meeting was then opened up to the public. The public asked various questions including what the County plans were for the preservation of trees, possible urban design alternatives for the portion of the road that runs past Crosswoods Golf Course and stormwater management. Mr. Melby noted the importance for the County to look beyond the residents who live on the road and also consider traffic safety and those who use the road to commute on a daily basis. Mr. Melby commented that the impact of utilities are not yet known and that will be carefully considered as part of this project. Mr. Melby said that once the project begins, access to individual properties and businesses will be available during the day but that no through traffic will be permitted. The roads will be open to some extent in the evenings. The project is anticipated to take all summer and most of the fall of 2014 to complete. Councilmember Swanson asked if there will be additional public meetings and Mr. Stroschein noted there will probably be two more public meetings before the project begins and that the County posts project design

updates on their website as well. Mr. Melby noted the approximate cost of the project to be $3 million.

There being no further public comment, the Council thanked Mr. Stroschein and Mr. Melby for their time. At 6:55 P.M. Mayor Schneider called a ten minute recess. At 7:12 P.M. Mayor Schneider called the meeting back to order.

2. Paul Hoge and Jared Johnson presented a look at the past ten years at Crosslake Communications and a projected look into what the future possibilities might look like for the company. Mr. Johnson noted that in 2001 the company had a total of 22 high speed internet customers and at that time, high speed was only projected for commercial use. In 2002 DSL became available and the total city bandwidth needs were 1.5 meg. In 2003/2004 the company installed a new telephone switch, and the upgrade included more features such as caller ID. In 2005, Emily Telephone began purchasing internet capacity from the company and the first phase of fiber optic was installed from C&C Boatworks to the south end of the city. At this time there were now 448 high speed internet customers and residential use was beginning to have a large presence. The fiber optic phase two project was completed in 2006 and there were now 626 high speed customers. In 2007/2008 the company expanded high definition television by rebuilding the head-end to an all-digital system and the company expanded into the West Manhattan Beach/Milinda Shores area. The total bandwidth needs for the city now exceeded 35 meg. The installation of the new E-5's in 2009/2010 increased internet speeds from 1.5 meg to 20 meg per customer which far exceeded the FCC mandate of 4 meg per customer for all internet service providers. At that time there were now 1,100 high speed internet customers. In 2011 the company started planning for the new C-15 switch, which is the next generation switch that will be much less expensive and much smaller in size. Mr. Johnson noted that computers will replace much of the old equipment in the telecommunications industry, allowing for much greater flexibility than ever before. The new C-15 switch will reduce power consumption, add dial tone (VOIP) to the cable modem network and add the next generation voice services and VOIP trunking capability.

   Mr. Johnson discussed some of the future expansion plans the company has with the Council. In 2012 the cable head-end will be expanded to allow for more high definition and direct digital content and the company will continue engineering work to prep for the C-15 installation in 2013. The company hopes to rebuild the Father Foley area in 2013 which will allow data and dial tone over the 2way cable TV plant in all northern zones. The phase three fiber optic project planning would also get underway to rebuild the Old Log Landing area, and the fiber upgrade would allow a cable TV expansion into the 750 Mhz range. The approximate cost of this project would be $2.5 million - $3 million. By 2014 Mr. Johnson said the company estimates there will be 1,200 – 1,400 high speed internet customers with the completion of phase three fiber optic. At that time all of the Crosslake businesses will have fiber capabilities as well. Phases four and five of the fiber optic projects include Bonnie Lakes Road and Anchor Point/Manhattan Beach. The company is also looking into the Pine Terrace Drive and Greer Lake areas as well as keeping proactive on the FCC regulations that continually evolve. Mr. Hoge thanked the Council and Advisory Board for their

continued support. Councilmember Roe remarked that the company has excellent people and is a great resource for the community. Mr. Hoge said they will continue to look towards the future and are always working hard to serve the customer.

There being no further discussion, MOTION 01S2-01-12 WAS MADE BY JOHN MOENGEN AND SECONDED BY DEAN SWANSON TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING AT 8:08 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Clerk/Treasurer

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