

Crosslake City Council
August 23, 1982 - 7:00 PM

BUDGET HEARING ON RS FUND
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carol Coulter at 7:00 PM. All members were present: Delmonico, Arends, Anderson and Andolshek. There were about 25 members of the community present. The mayor mentioned that copies of the budget were available at door with changes made to date.

The mayor mentioned the meeting of the Concerned Citizens of Crosslake to be held at the Crosslake Community Center on Saturday, August 28th, at 9:00 AM. She urged anyone interested in how their tax dollars are spent to attend.

The mayor announced that the County Health Service will have kits available for testing individuals wells at the Community Center on September 2, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for the sum of \$14.80. City Hall will be the drop off center after these samples have been collected.

BUDGET HEARING ON REVENUE SHARING: The clerk announced that the amount for the 1983 Revenue Sharing has been increased to \$21,242. instead of the projected \$13,000. as previously shown in budget. An ad was run in the paper after this change was received showing the increase. Two members of the Whitefish Property Owners Ass'n. spoke in regard to the funding of their Water Quality Study. They were Dean Carney, President and Dr. Robert Uppgaard, who served as the responsible party on the government grant for this project for which no further funding is available. After some discussion as to the priorities of future plans, it was decided that Cross Lake and some of the smaller lakes within our city should come next. Arends suggested Big Pine, Velvet & Brien.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Anderson that \$4,000. of the 1983 Revenue Sharing Funds be dedicated to the WPOA for their Water Quality Study of the City's Lakes. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Bob Nelson, a member of the community, living on Daggett Pine Road suggested that the city consider posting speed limits in certain areas of the city, especially certain parts of Daggett Pine Road. John Backdahl, Police Chief, explained the necessary steps that have to be taken before setting up speed limits. Backdahl suggested that the following areas be considered for speed limits such as, certain areas of: Twin Bay, Daggett Pine, Big Pine Trail, West Shore Drive, Harbor Lane, Bonne Lakes Farm and County Road #140. Anderson suggested that signs can be put up without going to the expense of the estimated cost of the survey of \$400. per mile and most people would abide by them. Anderson stated that these could be taken out of the Road Budget without going into the Revenue Sharing. The council agreed that this could be done.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends that \$500. be dedicated from the 1983 Revenue Sharing Fund for Road Designation Signs, indicating the names of the roads. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Delmonico that \$425. be dedicated from the 1983 Revenue Sharing Fund for a file cabinet for City Clerk. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Delmonico the \$8,000. be dedicated to the Fire Hall remodelling project and \$8,000. be dedicated to the City Hall remodelling project with a balance of \$317. to be dedicated at a later date. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

1983 BUDGET: Anderson stated that the Fire Department's Budget can be cut by \$1,000. due to the \$1,000. increase in the Revenue Sharing dedication. Arends stated that he objects to the practice of putting

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away funds each year for the purchase of equipment in the future, which the Concerned Citizens of Crosslake had also questioned. The mayor stated that she felt that this was an absolute necessity. Andolshek asked whether the amount being reserved could not be cut back somewhat. The Clerk stated that each year the City Auditor, Don Engen, for several years, would question why the city was not providing for the future by drawing up a 5 or 10 year plan for expenditures in the future and that last year the council finally did something about it. It was agreed that \$41,203. should be submitted for the Fire Department Budget for 1983.

It was decided that the Planning & Zoning Budget could be submitted as presented at \$6,490.

Andolshek asked what the percent of increase for the Police Department salaries. Chief Backdahl replied that it was 8%. Arends stated that he did not feel that the city should worry about keeping the raises at the cost of living increase as city employees should be grateful to even have a job in these times. Andolshek suggested that the police salaries could be adjusted on a graduated scale with the smaller salary getting the larger increase and Backdahl replied that salaries for last year had been adjusted this way so that it was not necessary that it be done again. Mr. Halvorson of the Concerned Citizens presented some figures they had collected from the surrounding communities on Police Department costs. Anderson and Chief Backdahl stated that you cannot compare our community with other communities as the populations and square miles are not comparable. Anderson stated that he felt that all city department salaries should be limited to 6%. Leo Fraser, a member of the community, stated that he would rather know the amount of the various salaries rather than the percent. The mayor stated that this information is available at the clerk's office but that she felt that it should not be stated publicly. Andolshek said there was a discrepancy in comparing the quote from the County for Police Protection as Pera and Hospitalization was included in the County quote and not in the city budget amount. Anderson stated that this was correct but he felt that the accessibility of having our own department has to be decided. He felt that, if necessary, this could be put on a ballot in November but to him cost cannot be compared with the services rendered. Don Wilske, a member of the community, stated that he felt it was very important to keep the department in the city. Upon a question from Tom Richardson, a member of the community, as to the hours of duty of the Police Department, Chief Backdahl stated that they cannot give the actual schedule of duty for obvious reasons but they should check with the various communities to see what the actual kind of coverage they are getting for their money and he is sure that Crosslake is giving much better coverage than anywhere else. Terry Kimball, a member of the Concerned Citizens, questioned whether we needed 3 policemen during the off season. Chief Backdahl quoted from a survey that showed that for the number of citizens in our community we should have 5 year around policemen. Chief Backdahl answered some questions from Andolshek to justify some increases in Office Expense, Gasoline, Auto Expense and Equipment. She also questioned the Miscellaneous and Training Expense.

Andolshek questioned the amount in the Budget for Director's assistant. Patty Felber, Park Director justified this by explaining that increased demands and because of the hours that the park must be open that it is no longer a 1 man operation. She explained the system of fees for courts.

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She also explained how the different organizations give their support to the park, financially and with volunteer work. Mr. Solomon spoke up in support of the park director and suggested that if the city does not appreciate what is being done at the park that they cancel all programs scheduled there. Anderson stated that the problem is that you cannot get parents to support their children activities at the park. Delmonico stated that he would like to see the city pass a resolution that no programs will be conducted at the park unless good parental support is given. Patty Felber stated that she does not feel that the children should suffer because of the lack of interest of the parents. Delmonico stated that he had served as park liason, donated time as a park volunteer, donated furniture and a lawn tractor and that instead of sitting here and inferring a beratement on the park director she should be given an acclamation and the audience responded heartedly. Delmonico again reiterated that the city pass the following mandate: THAT STARTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT ANY ATHLETIC PROGRAMS MUST HAVE PARENTAL SUPPORT OR THE PROGRAM DOES NOT GO!!

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Delmonico that the park assistant director's budget be cut by \$3,765. to \$5,000. The motion carried and the vote was "AYE" by Anderson, Delmonico, Coulter and Andolshek and "NAY" by Arends.

The meeting was recessed for a ten minute break.

The meeting was called to order.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends that all city salaries be increased by 3-1/2%. The motion carried with Arends, Anderson and Delmonico voting "AYE" and Coulter and Andolshek abstaining.

MOTION: By Andolshek and seconded by Arends that \$500. be subtracted from Office Expense and set up in a separate account for Funding and Future Development. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

The clerk was instructed to check into the matter of the outside lights on City Hall.

The clerk was instructed to check into whether deductions have to be made on FICA for the 3 employees that come under this.

Arends questioned as to whether we should be putting the ambulance out for bids. The mayor asked Arends to check into this for the city and he refused. Delmonico will check into this if he has time. In discussing the stand-by time for ambulance attendants, Anderson stated that if the driver was paid for his actual time he would be making \$1.04 an hour. Anderson stated that the bill that a party in Crosslake received from Mr. Moberg for ambulance services was strictly between the party and Mr. Moberg and he felt that the city should not be involved, although Mr. Anderson himself felt it was excessive.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Delmonico that the amount in the budget for Hospitalization be increased by \$500. The motion carried with Anderson, Andolshek and Delmonico voting "Aye" and Coulter and Arends abstaining.

Arends questioned the amount included in the Road Budget for a pick-up truck and said we should consider buying a trailer instead for the big truck. Anderson stated that he would like to see the city buy a 4 wheel drive with a snow-plow attachment for plowing some of the cities roads

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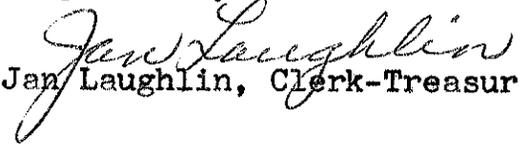
that are smaller and difficult to do with the large plow.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends that the \$4,000. removed from the Road Budget at the previous meeting be included again in the Road Budget under the Equipment Replacement Fund. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

A discussion was then held on the city's former practice of including the amount not used for roads in that particular year's budget, it would then be put back into the General Fund. Mr. Anderson explained that if this money had been put away each year then the city might have sufficient funds to do the roads but as it was not done the city was forced into going with the road assessment program. He stated that now that the city has accumulated approximately \$86,000. by the end of 1983 that the following year the city could do approximately \$250,000. worth of road construction providing the people wanting their road fixed would be willing to pay for them under the assessment program. He explained that the city is not able to budget enough for improving the roads which cost would be approximately 1 & 1/2 million dollars if all roads were done ^{and} that the road assessment program is the only possible answer at the present time.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Anderson to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.


Jan Laughlin, Clerk-Treasurer