

Crosslake City Council

Regular Meeting - PROPOSED USE REVENUE SHARING HEARING
CONTINUATION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING
September 8, 1980 - 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Whisler at 7:30 P.M. Councilmen present were Delmonico, Arends, Andolshek and Benson. There were about sixty persons present, including about twenty-five people representing the Crosslake Hockey Association.

The mayor read the legal notice in the paper in regard to the proposed use of Revenue Sharing.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 1980 be approved. All members voting "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Andolshek and seconded by Delmonico that the minutes of the special meeting of August 29, 1980 be approved. All members voting "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Andolshek and seconded by Benson that the Treasurer's report for August for the city be approved as submitted. All members voting "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends approving the Telephone Company's fund balance report as submitted. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

The mayor asked if anyone had any recommendations for the Revenue Sharing money, approximately, \$10,000. The mayor read a letter from the Crosslake Hockey Ass'n. requesting funds be used from Revenue Sharing to build a second hockey rink. Mr. Heisserer, president of the association spoke and explained how the group of players had grown since the association was organized and how the club had supported the building of the first rink, the warming house and providing a skate sharpener. He also stressed that the facilities are enjoyed by everyone, not just the hockey players. Mr. Arends stated that he would like to see enough money included in the amount dedicated to include the finishing of the warming house, approximately \$200. The association requested \$2,400. for the building of the second rink.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends that \$2,600. be dedicated from Revenue Sharing for the building of the second hockey rink and for finishing the warming house. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried. Benson questioned how the rink could be built this year as Revenue Sharing payment will not be available until around the first of the year. Delmonico stated and Patty Felber, Park Director confirmed that the association would obtain a loan and the city could pay the association when funds were available.

Benson stated that he thought the city had considered dedicating \$4,000. to the proposed addition to the Fire Hall to pay the interest and the principal on the proposed FmHA loan. On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Andolshek that \$4,000. be dedicated from Revenue Sharing for the proposed addition to the Fire Hall. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

The mayor suggested that the balance of the Revenue Sharing be taken care of to reduce budget expense by dedicating the remaining amount

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to some expense or service included in the budget, thereby reducing the projected tax levy.

The mayor reported on his conference in Minneapolis with the Ordinance Codifiers. A discussion was held on whether to table the idea of codification until the next meeting or whether it should be dedicated to Revenue Sharing now. On a motion by Benson and seconded by Arends that the \$2,500. cost of codification be dedicated from Revenue Sharing Funds and that the contract be signed from Municipal Codifiers, Inc. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

The mayor then proceeded to continue the work on the 1981 budget. The clerk announced that by projecting that the assessed valuation for 1981 would be approximately \$12,000,000. that we could generate a tax levy of \$159,000. without increasing the mill rate. The mayor read a list of the expenses as they now stand after the reductions made at the last meeting. Insurance costs were again discussed and it was decided to let it stand and the clerk will check into the new plan as presented by League of Minnesota Cities. Delmonico stated that the citizens according to their petition were asking that the city hold their salary increases to 7 to 9% and that the Fire Department raises already voted in the meeting before the budget was brought up are an increase of 66% for training time and 100% for call time. A discussion was held as to whether these costs are justified.

Delmonico stated when discussing the police department budget that the volunteer men or PTO's do save some of the time that the Police Department has to spend on duty, especially the comp. time. The clerk will give a break down on the salary decreases at the next meeting on the new salaries at a 7% increase for Backdahl, a 9% for Coulter and a 11% for Schwartz. The mayor stated that the city of St. Cloud is advertising for a patrolman with a starting salary of \$15,000.

Delmonico stated that the Park Budget had been paired down by a huge amount and would like to request that the council reconsider possibly restoring a portion of the amount or \$2,500. back to the budget. He also stated that a large amount of the seeding at the ballfield had been washed out by the heavy rains. Letters were read by the mayor expressing the taxpayers support and asking the city to provide adequately in their budget for the park. The total of the signatures of the three letters were 80 people. Don Wilske, a member of the community, stated that the cut of \$288. for garbage removal would not be an actual savings as it would still cost the city to have Pat Hoag haul the garbage. On a motion by Delmonico that \$2,788. be restored to the park budget. to be used primarily for the picnic area. The motion was lost for the lack of a second. The mayor suggested that the motion be re-phrased leaving out the picnic area. On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Whisler to restore \$2,788. to the park budget for the future development of the park. Upon a question by Andolshek as to the omitting of the picnic area the motion was reworded as follows: that \$2,788. be restored to the park budget for the future development of the park excluding the picnic area. The motion was seconded by Andolshek. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Delmonico that the Park Director's salary be increased

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to \$4.90 an hour. This was seconded by Benson. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried. Tom Woog, park chairman, questioned the amount of the increase as the park board had recommended that a 10% increase be requested. He stated that on the percentage of increases as determined by past raises Patty Felber was not being treated fairly. Delmonico stated that although he had talked to Tom Woog earlier in regard to Patty's raise he had talked to Patty just before the meeting and they had agreed on the 9% increase.

September 19, 1980 at 7:30 was set as the final meeting to finalize the budget and the BUDGET HEARING FOR REVENUE SHARING. Clerk will meet with Conrad Bye, County Auditor before this meeting.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends that Fred Bieber be appointed to the Telephone Commission to fill the vacancy of Jerry Dockendorf. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried. This was as recommended by the Telephone Commission.

Delmonico introduced Joan Wolf of Communication Consultants who conducted the feasibility study on Cable TV. She explained that it would not be possible for a private company to come into the area and provide Cable TV as it would be too costly. Because the Telephone Company can obtain a 5% loan to finance this project it would be possible if approximately 500 subscribers could be obtained. The basic rate to a subscriber would be \$8.00^{monthly} which would cover 8 channels. The HBO & CINEMAX would be approximately \$12.00 per month. She stressed that a survey is necessary to determine whether the 500 persons can be obtained. The two areas to be serviced initially do not include the Goodrich-O'Brien area or the Big Pine area.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Andolshek that we uphold the Telephone Company's recommendation that we apply for a REA loan at 5% and conduct a survey to see the number of subscribers available. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Benson and seconded by Delmonico that the city advertise for bids for a new truck with specifications drawn up by Pat Hoag and Benson. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

Benson will check with the County Engineer, Duane Blanck, as to whether we should allow snowmobiling on the bicycle path.

A letter was read from Chief Backdahl^{by the mayor} in regard to the salary increases as suggested by some of the taxpayers.

Steve Trotter, a resident of Pickerel Lake beyond Camp Cuyuna, appeared to protest the closing off of a road leading to his property. The boy scout camp has closed off this road and built a new road into their property. He was advised that it was Mr. Trotter's responsibility to find out if this was ever a city road. He was also informed that it was his responsibility to prove legally his right to use this road.

On a motion by Arends and seconded by Delmonico that Don Coulter be appointed as City Surveyor. All members voting, "AYE", motion carried. On a motion by Arends and seconded by Andolshek, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
JAN LAUGHLIN, CLERK-TREASURER