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A special meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Fogelberg at 1:30 P.M. on October 4, 1976 in the Clerk's office of the City Hall. Present were Councilmen Olson, Petersen, Andolshek, Foss, Clerk Whisler, Fire Chief Fraser and Al Benson.

City Clerk Whisler presented a tentative budget, explaining that he had sat down with Fire Chief Fraser, Police Chief Backdahl and Road Commissioner Olson, discussing with them their financial needs for the year 1977. As originally proposed, the City's expenses for the coming year would be \$136,590.00. Based on a study of the past three years of City activity, only \$127,990.00 in receipts could be depended on. It was the opinion of the Council that the budget should be pared so that it would not be necessary to raise the mill rate.

After much discussion it was decided to cut \$1,800 from the Mayor-Council budget; \$100 from Clerk expenses; \$1,000 from Planning and Zoning; \$100 from Road Maintenance; \$3,000 from Road Construction; \$500 from Snow Removal; \$75 from City Hall expenses; \$1,000 from Police Department and \$1,025 from Miscellaneous. This would bring the budget into balance.

Fire Chief Fraser addressed the Council, explaining in detail the needs of the Fire Department.

Some time ago, someone in the County Auditor's department had quoted a figure of \$65,000.00 as an amount that could reasonably be expected as the City's share of real estate taxes. It was decided that the Clerk should place a call to the Auditor's office to find out if this is a realistic figure. After a telephone conversation with Mr. Conrad Bye of that office it was discovered that the City would receive more in the neighborhood of \$73,000.00.

The Clerk announced that he would be visiting the Auditor's office within the week, and would be able to come up with a firm figure after conferring with Mr. Bye. Because three hours had already been spent, and because a final budget figure could not be arrived at until the amount of receipts had been established, the Clerk was instructed to do additional work on the budget after visiting Mr. Bye and be prepared to present a budget in final form at the next Council meeting for acceptance or rejection.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 P.M.

  
Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk