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A regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order in the City Hall at 7:30 P.M. on October 8, 1976 by Mayor Fogelberg. Present, in addition to the Mayor, were Councilmen Foss, Petersen, Andolshek, Olson, Clerk Whisler and City Attorney Fritz. During the course of the evening five members of the community were in attendance.

On a motion by Andolshek and a second by Olson, with all members voting "AYE", the minutes of the September 24th meeting were accepted as ~~xxxx~~ written.

When it came to consideration of the Treasurer's report of City Finances, the question arose as to a \$685.00 item labeled "checks for dredging channel". The Clerk explained that these were checks accepted from Jack Lawrence, checks that had been received from individuals who had contributed to a fund for the dredging of a channel between Trout and Whitefish Lakes. The checks were being held in escrow only, to be returned to the Whitefish Property Owners upon demand. There was a lengthy discussion as to whether or not the City would be held responsible for the complete cost of the dredging. It was the opinion of the City Attorney that they would not.

Upon a motion by Olson with a second by Andolshek, with all members voting "AYE", the City Financial Report was accepted.

Upon a motion by Andolshek with a second by Olson, with all members voting "AYE", the Treasurer's Telephone Co. Financial Report was accepted.

The quarterly Comparison Report was discussed. This is a report for the first three quarters of 1976 in which the budget and expenditures are compared. Councilman Petersen commented that submitting this Comparison Report is a good practice as it presents a picture of how closely the Council is adhering to the budget.

The City Clerk reported that Ordinance 15A, the Nuisance Ordinance, had been published in the official newspaper and had become effective upon publication. Councilman Petersen requested that additional copies of the Nuisance Ordinance be made available to the Planning Commission. The Clerk then reported on a Clerk's Seminar that he had attended in Onamia and also that the ballots for the City election were in the hands of the printer and that they would be available to the County Auditor within a week. He also reported on having visited the County Auditor's office and having received much valuable information from Conrad Bye of that office concerning budget work.

For the Telephone Commission, Andolshek reported that Jerry Kook, REA Field Engineer, had suggested a meeting, tentatively scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on October 26th to discuss the proposed Telephone Building and other facets of the changeover. This meeting would include the Telephone Commission, Gary Fread, the new manager, John Baxter from REA and Verne Armfield of Communication Consultants.

Mrs. Andolshek also reported the current results of the balloting on the question of updating the Telephone Co. There are 452 votes in favor and 125 votes against, which results in a majority of 78.33% in favor of the plan.

While reporting for the Cemetery Commission, Councilman Olson suggested that the Clerk keep track of the hours spent in cemetery work by the City workers, and that their salary for that period of time be paid from the Cemetery Fund. This practice would begin the first of the year. Olson so moved. The motion was seconded by Petersen. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Olson and Petersen, reporting for the Roads Commission, stated that work on the resurfacing project should begin the week of the 18th of October and be completed within seven or eight days. Lyle Arends reported that Anderson Bros. Construction Co., who will be doing the work, suggested the Happy Landing Road be kept at a width of sixteen feet instead of widening it to eighty--een, and the savings of approximately \$600 be applied to work on West Shore Drive, as that was where the work was most needed. It was agreed that this was the course to pursue.

Olson again brought up the question of maintaining Cross Avenue. Upon the suggestion of the City Attorney, it was decided to take no action on this matter for a few weeks.

The City Attorney ruled that it would be improper for Lyle Arends while a member of the Roads Commission to receive remuneration for inspecting the work to be done on the resurfacing project. Arends then tendered his resignation from the Commission. On a motion by Olson with a second by Petersen, with all members voting AYE, Arends resignation was accepted. Olson then moved that Arends be appointed to inspect the resurfacing work at a salary of five dollars per hour. Andolshek seconded the motion. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Under the heading of Ambulance Commission Report the Clerk mentioned a letter that had been received from Mr. Moberg relative to the additional number of miles put on the ambulance while it was being driven by the Zoning Coordinator. Councilman Petersen mentioned he had talked to Mr. Moberg since the letter had been received and suggested the letter not be read until discussions had been held with Mr. Moberg in order to arrive at a decision that would be fair to both parties. Petersen also suggested the City Clerk do some research as to the average number of miles driven by the Coordinator in ratio to the number of permits issued.

Under the heading of old business, the City Clerk presented the proposed budget for the calendar year 1977 (copy attached). Councilman Petersen moved because of the considerable time already spent by the Council in a previous meeting discussing every phase of the budget, that it be adopted.* The Clerk further explained that, with the adoption of the suggested budget, the mill rate levied would not go up, and would more than likely go down.

The City Attorney indicated that he should be through reviewing the building ordinances within about two weeks.

The Clerk then read a letter from Robert Alderman, an attorney from Brainerd, in which he stated that he had, at the Council's suggestion, approached the State relative to the granting of an easement of the Northerly 150 feet of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 28, Township 137, Range 27, lying Westerly of C.S.A.H. #3. It was suggested that, because of a lack of adequate information from Mr. Alderman regarding the State's decision in the matter, the matter should be tabled.

Under the heading of new business, the Clerk suggested that, because Mr. Mezzenga, the Planning Coordinator, is to receive a larger salary than had been voted him at the last Council meeting, the Chair should entertain a motion to bring the City's records into accord with the actual salary. On this basis, Mr. Foss moved that Mr. Mezzenga's salary be \$725.00 per month plus \$20.00 for medical coverage allowance. The motion was seconded by Andolshek. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

*Motion seconded by Olson. All voted "AYE". Budget adopted.

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There was some discussion as to how much time off Mr. Mezzenga had coming. The Clerk was instructed to research this matter, and report back to the City Council at their next meeting. Foss moved that, if it were agreeable with the Planning Commission, Jan Mezzenga should look to Whisler for direction. Foss later withdrew the motion. William Shields, Chairman of the Planning Commission, Jan Mezzenga and Clerk Whisler will meet in an attempt to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion concerning working hours, assignments and compensatory time due Mr. Mezzenga.

Councilman Petersen stated that there are funds available for planning and zoning work. On a motion by Foss with a second by Andolshek, all members voting "AYE", Mr. Petersen was appointed to investigate this matter further and report back to the Council.

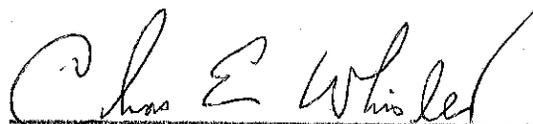
Andolshek reported that the Community Education Director, Doris Palmer, and Mr. Dowty of the Pequot Lakes school system were interested in securing a location for a library-type facility in Crosslake. This would not be a catalogued, formal-type library, but would be some place where interested persons could secure books for their personal use. The City Hall was considered as a possible location for such an arrangement. The Council was agreeable to allowing the City Hall to be used for this purpose, and Mrs. Andolshek was asked to so inform Mrs. Palmer.

Councilman Foss mentioned an item on Page 24 of the monthly magazine issued by the Minnesota League of Cities in which it was mentioned that cities under 5,000 population could receive funding for construction and improvement of bridges within the city limits.

Olson stated that the Lutheran Church had requested they again be allowed to use the City Hall as the location for their Sunday School classes. The City Attorney suggested a nominal rental fee be charged the Church for the use of the Hall so the separation of Church and State concept would not be violated. On a motion by Andolshek with a second by Foss, all members voting "AYE", it was decided the Church could use the Hall facilities for an annual charge of one dollar.

Charlotte Curtis, a member of the audience, asked if the City Council could come forward with some assistance for transporting the children of the area to various functions. It was suggested that she present to the Council a firm figure as to how much financial help was needed. Also discussed was the possible liability of the City in the event an accident occurred while the children were being transported. No definite action was taken on the matter.

On a motion by Andolshek with a second by Foss, all members voting "AYE", the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.


Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk

City of Crosslake

CROW WING COUNTY

CROSSLAKE, MINNESOTA 56442



WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP
RURAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1977

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS - 1977

LIQUOR LICENSES.....	\$ 7,685.00
CIGARETTE LICENSES.....	288.00
SANITATION LICENSES.....	50.00
FINES.....	1,700.00
REVENUE SHARING.....	6,900.00
ZONING PERMITS.....	4,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS.....	500.00
INTEREST.....	1,595.00
STATE AID.....	34,260.00
AMBULANCE AID.....	780.00
TAX LEVY.....	73,600.00
TOTAL	<u>\$131,358.00</u>

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES - 1977

MAYOR - COUNCIL.....	\$ 3,000.00
COURT COSTS.....	200.00
CLERK.....	4,900.00
TREASURER.....	400.00
CLERICAL.....	800.00
ASSESSOR.....	3,400.00
LEGAL.....	2,800.00
AUDIT.....	1,500.00
PLANNING & ZONING.....	5,000.00
CIVIL DEFENSE.....	200.00
ROAD MAINTENANCE.....	15,000.00
ROAD CONSTRUCTION.....	24,000.00
SNOW REMOVAL.....	2,000.00
INSURANCE.....	6,000.00
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY.....	3,600.00
LEAGUE OF CITIES.....	172.00
CITY HALL EXPENSES.....	1,500.00
NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT.....	2,500.00
FIRE CERTIFICATE.....	2,600.00
FIRE PROTECTION.....	2,850.00
POLICE.....	42,245.00
FICA-PERA.....	4,800.00
EMERGENCY FUND.....	1,891.00
TOTAL	<u>\$131,358.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Chas E. Whisler

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