

Oct. 12, 1973

The regular meeting of the Crosslake village council was held at 7:30 P.M. in the village hall. Present were Mayor Kluender, Councilmen Foss, Olson, Schneider and Coulter and R. E. Schalow, Clerk. Also present were Mr. Fred Casey, Mr. Otto McCollister, Robert McCollister, Mr. W. M. Akins, Patrick Hoag, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Karl Wistrom.

Mr. Casey was representing the McCollisters in the road vacation proceedings relating to Cross Lake Ave. The clerk reported that he had posted the notices in the Village Hall, Crosslake Postoffice and Crosslake Laundromat. He also indicated that Mr. Erickson had indicated that he would arrange for the legal publication and that Mr. Erickson had published the notice in the Brainerd Daily Dispatch while the Crow Wing County Review was our official newspaper. A rather lengthy discussion took place relating to this road, and what purpose would be served by vacating it. Mr. Casey related that a drop of roughly 20 feet from the road end to the lake was involved, and that vacating would provide for a more suitable building site on either side of the road and would put the property on the tax rolls. No one appeared in opposition to the vacation of this road. After the discussion it was moved by Coulter and seconded by Olson to vacate the road. A roll call vote on the matter showed the Ayes to be Coulter and Olson Nays Schneider, Kluender, Foss. Motion denied.

The hour of 8:00P.M. having arrived at which time bids were to be opened for certain fire fighting equipment. Three bids were received. They were from Akins Fire Equipment. Co., Forstner Fire Apparatus and Minnesota Fire, Inc. Base bid for Minnesota Fire, Inc. was \$3,845.42 but bid was based on 4" hose with 300# test. Forstner Fire bid was \$3,976.05 but bid did not include item 7--snap-tite relief value. Akins bid was \$3,832.18 which was low. An option to accept 4" demonstrator type A hose with 500 pound test at a discount of \$800.00 was accepted. Also a change in item 2 to another type for a net cost of \$250.00 in place of \$333.00 was also offered, which allowed for the removal of items 4 and 5 was offered. A net bid with these changes amounted to \$2,841.18. On motion of Coulter and second by Schneider the bid of Akins Fire Equipment Co. was accepted, provided that a minimum of 3 years was provided on the warranty on the hose. All members voting aye.

Mr. Fitzpatrick appeared before the council with a petition for vacation of the road of Arlington Beach in the Plat of Manhattan Beach, a replat of Twin Beach. The petition being submitted by E. Hess and Carl Johnson. On motion of Coulter and second by Olson the petition was accepted and a hearing scheduled for November 9, 1973 at 7:30 P.M.

On motion of Schneider and second by Foss the firm of Olson and Thielman CPAs of St. Paul was selected to represent the telephone company in the matter of rates on the proposed new system. All members voting aye.

Mr. Alvin Peterson appeared before the council to ask their wishes relating to violators of the provisions of the zoning ordinance. He indicated that in many cases he must make several trips to get the necessary information and fees--and in some cases the contractors simply do not apply for a permit until long after the building is started. After some discussion it was moved by Olson that the clerk write letters to all known contractors doing work in the village and advise them that the provisions of Sec. 15.10 will be enforced from this date forward. The Planning Commission was advised that they are to merely turn information relating to violators directly to the police dept. and that misdemeanor charges be issued, in accord with ordinance provisions. Second by Coulter--all members voting aye. Clerk to also advise thru ad

the crosslake shopper that individuals must also be aware of the provisions and adhere to the ordinance.

On motion of Schneider and second by Foss the Coordinator was authorized to attend a seminar in the near future relating to building officials. Village to stand costs of Reg. Fee, Mileage, Meals and Lodging. Two day meeting involved.

On motion of Kluender and second by Foss the charges in amount of \$50.00 for legal fees which was charged to the property owners on the "Happy Landing" road was dropped. Clerk to advise Sterling Hoff of this action. All members voting aye.

Councilman Schneider reported that tentative arrangements had been made with Tom Swann and Bill Reed for the placement of a telephone booth between the Beachcombers and Reeds Market. The booth to be moved from its present location by the Spur Station.

The clerk was instructed to call Tom Ryan to determine whether he will have the time to represent the telephone company (village) in its forthcoming bond issue.

On motion of Olson and second by Coulter the minutes of the meetings of 9-14-73 and 9-28-73 were accepted.

On motion of Foss and second by Schneider the village reports were accepted and bills represented by checks 1420 thru 1451 were approved for payment.

On motion of Schneider and second by Olson the Telephone reports were accepted and bills represented by checks 2955 thru 2993 were approved for payment.

The clerk reported that Mr. Ken Montour had applied for a cigarette and off-sale beer license and had indicated that a check would arrive during the meeting for the license fees. No payment was received and the council declined to take any action on the application.

The matter of Set Up license for Little Richards Drive In was discussed and since the Planning Commission is hearing this matter on Sept. 25th and since most of the council will be attending that meeting the clerk was ordered to send the necessary mail notices to all council members that this matter will be heard after the public hearing on that date.

Mr. Pat Hoag appeared before the council and asked what must be done to get the village to handle maintenance and snow plowing on the road near the Hoag property in section 8. Mr. Hoag was advised that road must be built to conform with village requirements before any work of this nature is done. Mr. Hoag to review the matter with adjoining neighbors to try to resolve the matter.

On motion of Foss and second by Schneider councilman Coulter was authorized to obtain prices on a new chain saw that would be able to stand constant use in burning activities. It appears that the present saw does not meet the standards required for constant use. The present saw would then be kept by the telephone company and used in areas which it could handle.

Councilman Coulter and Chief Backdahl indicated that an Operation Identification Program was presently being studied to determine whether it has a place for service within the village.

The clerk reported that he had spent some time with Mr. Armfield of Communications Consultants relating to the proposed updating of the Telephone System. Mr. Armfield had met with the Utilities Commission and had these items to report.

1. The Commission would like copies of all communications with subscribers related to the rates on proposed system.
2. The Commission wants us to offer 1 and 4 party service.
3. No public hearing will be necessary for rates if we can come up with a 65% approval of proposed rates.
4. Plant must be geared for 1 party service eventhough the commission has indicated that 1 and 4 party be offered. Both C.O. and outside plant would be geared for single party service.
5. We would be able to offer single party only if we were able to show that 90 to 100% of our subscribers wanted only single party.

Prior to Dec. 1st a public meeting should be held, at which time the subscribers could be given information relating to rates and funding for new system. Ballots provided to subscribers would show proposed rates and would be subject to commission approval in foremat. The bond issue could be discussed at the same time--but an actual vote on bonding must take place later.

An attorney would be needed in event we do not get favorable approval from subscribers regarding rates. It would then be necessary to ~~we~~ have a rate hearing before the Utilities Commission. Mr. Armfield recommended Mr. Robert Johnson if this becomes necessary. We will also require legal advise on the bond issue and this could be done with a local attorney.

Mr. Armfield also recommended two courses of action insofar as the request for a pay station from Wilderness Trailer Park was concerned. He will make a further study and recommend which direction we should go to provide this service. The two present are a single party carrier system, or an added "C" wire from the cross-roads in to the trailer park.

The clerk reported on the Telephone Board meeting of 10-5-73. It was decided at that time to order 4 recap tires to be used on the telephone truck for the winter months. Paul Hoheisel is to check on storage for the Ditch Witch for the winter months. Information relating to a new truck for the telephone co is also being obtained at this time.

On motion of Foss and second by Olson the meeting adjourned.

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An informal discussion took place relating to registration of voters for the forthcoming election. It appears that the state regulations and county supervision for same is not yet in a workable form. It was decided that we would provide for registration at the time of the village election and provide one additional day--Oct. 29th for local registration. Clerk to advise voters via notice in the Crosslake Shopper.