

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 2, 1997
7:00 P.M. - CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake, Minnesota met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, December 2, 1997 for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 1998 budget and proposed tax levy. The following Councilmembers were present: Donna Keiffer, Charles Miller, Raymond Smyth and Richard Upton. Absent was Mayor Robert Scott. Also present was City Administrator Thomas Swenson and Deputy Clerk Darlene Roach. There were two residents in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Miller called the hearing to order at 7:10 P.M. and opened the meeting to the audience for comments.

One individual questioned why he received a proposed tax statement for 1998 for Manhattan Beach and another for Crosslake. He stated that in previous years he had only received one statement. It was determined that his residence is located within the limits of Crosslake and his shoreline property is in the jurisdiction of Manhattan Beach.

Al Yorek questioned why his tax statement showed a proposed increase for 1998 between 50% and 60% for his three parcels located along Country Road #3. His market value has increased significantly causing the increase. The Council suggested that he contact the County Assessor's Office for an explanation as to why his market value has escalated.

City Administrator Tom Swenson explained various handouts prepared for the meeting. One compared the 1997 budget with the 1998 proposed budget, a second report showed 1997 and 1998 proposed expenditures by department, and a third listing showed 1998 capital outlay expenditures. A 1997 comparison of Crosslake to other area cities was included in the handout. In 1997 Crosslake ranked 4th lowest in Average City Tax Rate and lowest in Average Total Tax Rate among 26 area cities. According to the Crow Wing County Auditors Office the collectable 1998 Crosslake City Tax Rate will be 13.877% as compared to 13.14% for collectable 1997 taxes. The proposed 1998 budget included revenues totaling \$1,352,446 and expenditures of \$1,352,446. The proposed collectable 1998 tax levy totaled \$817,076.

City Administrator Tom Swenson informed everyone that the final levy and budget will be adopted at the Regular Council Meeting on December 8, 1997.

MOTION 12S-01-97 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY DONNA KEIFFER TO ADJOURN THIS TRUTH AND TAXATION HEARING AT 7:30 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene J. Roach". The signature is fluid and connected, with a large initial 'D'.

Darlene J. Roach
Deputy Clerk

Note: The electricity went off at approximately 7:20 P.M. and remained off for the remainder of the meeting.