

PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1998
6:30 P.M. - CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Thursday, December 3, 1998 for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed improvement to Shamrock Road. Councilmembers present for the hearing were Mayor Robert Scott, Donna Keiffer, Charles (Chuck) Miller, Raymond (Ray) Smyth and Richard Upton. Also present was City Administrator Thomas Swenson, City Engineer Dave Reese, City Attorney Steve Qualley, Deputy Clerk Darlene Roach, Zoning Administrator Teri Hastings, Public Works Supervisor Pat Hoag, Mayor Elect Darrell Swanson, and Councilmember Elect Dean Swanson. (Public Hearing sign-in sheet included as part of these minutes.)

Mayor Scott called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M. and turned the meeting over to City Engineer Dave Reese who reviewed the details of the road feasibility study which was completed by Widseth Smith Nolting. The feasibility study examines the existing conditions, proposes improvements to the road, details approximate project costs and provides approximate costs to be assessed to benefiting property owners. Shamrock Road currently abuts about 19 lots/parcels of land and provides driveway access for about 13 existing residences. The road begins near the south end of Bonnie Lakes Farm Road. A 880 foot stretch of Shamrock Road extends to the north, where it turns to the southwest. To the southwest, the road stretches roughly 1100 feet to a cul-de-sac. The feasibility study was ordered by the City Council as a result of a petition signed by more than 35% of the front footage property owners. The proposed improvement is for a minor rural roadway with 18 foot wide pavement, 2 inch thick bituminous on a 4 inch thick aggregate base and 2 foot wide aggregate shoulders. As part of the improvement to bring the street up to City standards, a cul-de-sac will need to be installed at the southwest end of Shamrock Road. Construction of the cul-de-sac should not involve clearing any existing trees. A 40 foot radius will be paved to provide a turnaround in the cul-de-sac with 2' aggregate shoulders around the edge which will be sloped for adequate drainage. The City has determined that assessments will be based on equivalent lot units rather than front footage. The cost for the proposed improvements is \$31,500 plus 10% for contingencies (\$3,000) and (\$6,500) for engineering, legal and administration for a total estimated project cost of \$41,000 with 50% of the cost paid by the City. The estimated number of equivalent lot units is 27 for an estimated cost of \$760 per equivalent lot.

The hearing was opened to the public for comments.

Mike Comacho asked why he was being assessed 1 ½ lots when he only owns one lot. Dave Reese stated that because his lot is a corner lot he has access to two blacktopped sides. Mike Comacho disagreed with this method of determining the assessment, but was supportive of the paving project.

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Martin Peterson stated that he had contacted Allen Jensen of Anderson Brothers to obtain cost estimates and was quoted \$1000 for preparation and \$16,000 for 2" of mix 20' wide for a total cost of \$17,000. He felt that to include engineering and other miscellaneous fees the cost would be somewhere around \$25,000. He felt the feasibility study was somewhat inflated but is hoping that the cost will come in less than \$40,000. He stated that the road is a solid road with a good base. Dave Reese stated that the City is looking at tying several projects together so the bids could come in lower.

Mayor Scott commented that the interest rate on the bonds could also be less than the 8%.

Don Middlestadt was concerned about the banking of the road and hopes it will be flattened out a little bit but is glad to see the project is being done.

No correspondence was received regarding the project.

There being no further public input, MOTION 12PH1-01-98 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY DONNA KEIFFER TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:55 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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