

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010
6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake, Minnesota met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, December 6, 2010 for the purpose of holding a Public Information Meeting. The following Council members were present: Mayor Jay Andolshek, Steve Roe, Dean Swanson, John Moengen and Rusty Taubert. Also present was City Administrator Tom Swenson, Community Development Director Ken Anderson, Police Chief Bob Hartman, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Parks and Recreation Director Jon Henke, General Manager Paul Hoge, Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Max and Mayor Elect Darrell Schneider. There were four residents in the audience. (Sign in sheet included as a permanent part of the minutes.)

Mayor Jay Andolshek called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M. and stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to allow property owners the opportunity to express comments on the proposed budget. The meeting was then turned over to City Administrator Tom Swenson to review the City's proposed budget and amount of property taxes proposed to be collected to pay for the costs of services the City will provide in 2011.

City Administrator Tom Swenson stated that a Notice of Hearing, which included the location, date and time of the hearing was posted at four locations within the City, namely at City Hall, Crosslake Communications, Community Center and the Post Office as required by law. The hearing notice was also posted on Cable TV Channel 12, the local access channel. In addition to postings by the City, each property owner received a Notice of Proposed Tax Statement from Crow Wing County, which lists the location, date and time of the meeting. No correspondence was received in writing from any taxpayer within the City.

City Administrator Swenson prepared a packet of information beginning with a document that compares the 2010 Adopted Revenue Budget with the 2011 Proposed Revenue Budget. The Proposed 2011 Revenue Budget is \$3,920,817, which is a decrease of \$100,963 over the 2010 Adopted Budget of \$4,021,780. On the expenditure side, the 2010 Adopted Budget was \$4,021,780 and the proposed 2011 Expenditure Budget is \$3,916,932 or a decrease of 2.6%. A proposed Resolution for adoption by the Council at the Regular Council Meeting in December showed a detailed breakdown by general property tax levy and debt service tax levies to be levied for the current year, collectible in 2011, upon taxable property in the City. These items bring the total levy to \$2,787,699 which is no increase from the Collectible 2010 Levy. A detailed breakdown of revenues and expenditures by department as well as a listing of proposed capital expenditures was included in the information provided in the handout.

A handout showing a comparison of surrounding cities ranks Crosslake 3rd lowest in Average City Tax Rate among 29 area cities and 2nd lowest in Average Total Tax Rate for 2010. Information taken from the September 2010 League of Minnesota Cities

Monthly Magazine compared area cities by population, city net tax levy, LGA, county tax rate, average city tax rate, school tax rate, special tax rate and average total tax rate. A report from Crow Wing County dated November 22, 2010 shows for payable 2011 taxes that the estimated market value in the City is \$1,336,480,900. Two bar graphs were included in the information provided which shows the estimated value due to new construction between January 1, 2000 through November 30, 2010 and the number of permits issued during the same period of time. These graphs show a decrease in the number of zoning permits issued but an increase the estimated value from 2009. It was noted that the projected city tax rate for 2011 is 19.492%, which is an increase over the previous rate of 17.516%.

The meeting was open to questions and comments from the Council. Councilmember Swanson expressed concern over the increase in his taxes considering the decrease in his property valuation. City Administrator Swenson noted that overall the County valuation for lakeshore property decreased more than non-lakeshore and commercial property. The burden is now shifting from the lakeshore property to the non-lakeshore property and even though the City levy remained the same as last year, the decrease in the County's taxable market value of property in Crosslake of approximately \$130 million results in a larger tax burden for the non-lakeshore and commercial properties. Dave and Anicia Peterson of 13743 E. Shore Road were present and had various questions and comments for the Council on their personal property tax rate and property valuation amounts.

City Administrator Swenson noted that the proposed budget and proposed levy will be presented to the City Council for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting on December 13, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

General Manager Paul Hoge presented the 2011 Budget for Crosslake Communications. Mr. Hoge reviewed the 2011 budget for Administrative Services, Telephone Operations, Cable Vision Operations and Internet Operations. Total Operating Revenues for 2011 are projected at \$3,446,725 and total Operating Expenses are projected at \$3,685,252.78 for a net loss of \$238,527.78. This loss includes operating transfers to the City of \$272,500. Mr. Hoge also noted that the proposed Crosslake Communications' budget will be presented to the City Council for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting on December 13, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further comments, MOTION 12PH1-01-10 WAS MADE BY STEVE ROE AND SECONDED BY JOHN MOENGEN TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING AT 7:25 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jennifer Max
Clerk/Treasurer

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PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET/TAX LEVY

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Name	Address	Phone
Ken Anderson	37028 Cty Rd 66 Crosslake	692-2689
Tom Swenson	/ / / "	/ / /
Bob Hartman	" "	692-2222
Jon Henke	" "	692-4271
Dave Peterson	East Shore Rd Crosslake	821-2116
Alan Swanson	Council person Crosslake	
Jim Moevick	Council Member Crosslake	330-9451
Jay Adolshak	COUNTY 3 Crosslake	692-2688
Tom Swenson	37028 CNTY RD 66, CROSSLAKE	692-2688
C.A. Thubert	34788 E. Shore Lane	692-3050
Steve Role	Whitefish Ave Crosslake	692-3331
Jenny Max	37028 County Rd 66 Crosslake	692-2688
Darrell Schneider	12481 Arrowhead Ln Crosslake	692-4572