

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 7, 1998
7:00 P.M. - CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake, Minnesota met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, December 7, 1998 for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 1999 budget and proposed tax levy. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Robert Scott, Donna Keiffer, Charles Miller, Raymond Smyth and Richard Upton. Also present was City Administrator Thomas Swenson, Deputy Clerk Darlene Roach, Mayor Elect Darrell Swanson and Councilmember Elect Dean Swanson. There were no other individuals in attendance.

Mayor Scott called the hearing to order by stating the purpose of the meeting was to review the budget and levy for 1999.

City Administrator Tom Swenson read into the record the notice announcing the date and time for the Truth and Taxation hearing which was posted in three locations throughout the City and on the proposed tax statement received by the property owners. Included in the notice was a listing of the proposed budget for 1999. The proposed budget of \$1,508,865 is a 11.6% increase over the 1998 actual budget of \$1,352,446. The 1999 proposed levy of \$925,044 is a 13.2% increase over the 1998 levy of \$817,076.

One letter was received from Stephen Holstad of Rosemont, Pennsylvania dated November 23, 1998 which expressed concern over a 23% increase in overall taxes for his property in Crosslake between 1998 and proposed 1999. City Administrator Swenson will respond to the letter and include a copy of the Truth in Taxation handout which includes a listing of twenty nine area cities and a comparison showing Crosslake ranking 4th lowest in average City tax rate and second lowest in average total tax rate.

City Administrator Swenson stated that the Proposed 1999 Budget and Proposed 1998 Collectable 1999 Tax Levy will be placed on the December 14, 1998 City Council agenda for consideration.

City Administrator Swenson was complimented on his work in compiling the information contained in the handout.

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There being no input from the public, MOTION 12S1-01-98 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO ADJOURN THIS TRUTH AND TAXATION HEARING AT 7:22 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recorded and transcribed by:



Darlene J. Roach
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer