

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING
December 8, 1993

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1993
7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake Minnesota met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Wednesday, December 8, 1993 for the purpose of a Public Hearing for input regarding the proposed levy for 1994. Present were the following Councilmembers: Mayor Kurt Anderson, Lyle Arends, Charles Miller, Dean Swanson and Jack Webster. Also present was City Clerk Arlene Buchite and approximately 11 citizens.

Mayor Anderson called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and explained that there was a 10 percent increase in valuation, mandated by the State, for all Crosslake residents.

Mayor Anderson also read an article published in the Brainerd Dispatch on Sunday, December 5, 1993 which explained to the residents that the Truth in Taxation meetings were not the time or place for residents to question their market value.

Two letters from irate citizens had been received. Mayor Anderson stated that he was personally going to answer both of them.

Mayor Anderson explained that he had the Auditor's Office prepare a statement showing what would have happened to the taxes on a \$100,000 market value home if the State had not imposed the mandate. Although taxes on the home would have gone up by \$55.75 the amount to Crosslake would have been \$11.39 less than in 1993 because of the increased building in the City.

Because of the mandates on the Comparable Worth there have been some increases in salaries in 1993 according to the Mayor, which account for some of the increase in the overall budgets and a 2 percent increase in the levy. Mayor Anderson stated that he would like to have the public note that the salary increases were given and other expenses were actually cut to help balance the budget.

The Council reviewed each department's budget. A handout had been prepared showing expenditures by department and graphs to show what proportion it was of the total budget as well as revenues received and what part they were of the overall budget. Mayor Anderson explained that the Fire Department budget is higher because of the proposed new fire hall.

A resident present stated that he felt Governments in general spend too much.

Discussion ensued regarding the percentage of the taxes that go for the City, County and School District. Most of the Citizens present agreed that the Crosslake Council has kept the taxes low but the overall tax picture is high. Mr. Swanson stated that new construction has been staying just a little under \$5,000,000 a year for the last several years in Crosslake. This has helped the overall tax burden for taxpayers.

Another resident present stated that his property taxes have gone up 123 percent since 1990 and he feels that the taxes will soon be driving retirees out of the area.

Hearing no further comments from the Council or residents present, MOTION NO. 12PH-01-93 WAS MADE BY C. MILLER AND SECONDED BY D. SWANSON TO SET WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1993 AT 10:00 A.M. AS THE DAY TO APPROVE THE LEVY AND BUDGETS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 12PH-02-93 WAS MADE BY C. MILLER AND SECONDED BY D. SWANSON TO ADJOURN THIS TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AT 7:48 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recorded and transcribed by
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