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A regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. on December 10, 1976, in the City Hall by Mayor Fogelberg. Present were Councilmen Foss, Petersen, Andolshek, Olson, Clerk Whisler and City Attorney Fritz. There were twenty-three members of the community present.

On a motion by Olson with a second by Foss, all members voting "AYE", the minutes of the November 12th meeting were approved as written.

On a motion by Olson with a second by Andolshek, all members voting "AYE", the Treasurer's City Financial Report was approved.

On a motion by Olson with a second by Andolshek, all members voting "AYE", the Financial Report for the Telephone Company was approved.

The Clerk read a letter from Crosslake Snowtrails, Inc. asking that they be granted permission to establish a snowmobile trail across the SW corner of the former dump site for a distance of about three hundred feet. On a motion by Olson and a second by Andolshek, with all members voting "AYE", permission was granted, and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Snowtrails secretary so informing them.

The Clerk then suggested three items that should be given immediate consideration:-1. City salaries; 2. Insurance coverage; 3. 1977 appointments of Commission and City personnel. No action was taken.

Reporting for the Telephone Commission, Andolshek stated that interviews had been held all day Wednesday, December 1, 1976, for the position of Bookkeeper Accountant and that it was the recommendation of the Commission that Marion Twombly be hired at a salary of \$3.00 per hour. On a motion by Olson with a second by Petersen, all members voting "AYE", the recommendation of the Commission was accepted and Marion Twombly was hired, her employment to begin on December 16, 1976. Andolshek also reported that she had received word that morning that the CETA program had agreed to fund this position for six months, and that Ms. Twombly had been approved by CETA as being eligible under their requirements.

Following a recommendation of the Telephone Commission, Olson moved that Architect Carl Nordquist of Crosslake be hired to enter into the REA architectural contract for the planning of the new Telephone building. Andolshek seconded the motion. Foss, Andolshek and Olson voted "AYE". Petersen abstained.

Another recommendation of the Telephone Commission was that Helen Fraser be kept on as a regular part-time employee at a salary of \$4.00 per hour. She would be used as needed effective February 1, 1977. Andolshek so moved. Foss seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

It was moved by Olson with a second by Andolshek, all members voting "AYE", that the Telephone Company be allowed to buy the City pickup at a price of \$2,600.00 which was the average of the bids that had been solicited by Gary Fread from two local car dealers. Motion carried.

Andolshek reported that the Telephone Commission had been checking on the possibility of obtaining a Zenith number for calling the Police Department without a toll charge.

Also mentioned was the plan to change the name of the Telephone Company to "Crosslake Telephone Company".

It was suggested that, due to the complexity of the Telephone Co. accounting system, and the fact that stringent REA regulations would have to be followed relative to the changeover, it might be to our advantage to have the firm of Olsen-Thielen do the audit of the Telephone Co. books. This firm specializes in this area. Our auditor, CPA Don Engen, agreed that this might be advisable. He also recommended that this firm continue to do the telephone accounting as necessary. Other areas in which Olsen-Thielen are highly qualified experts, and in which they will be able to assist the Telephone Co., are a feasibility study which will be necessary in the near future, a certified audit, help with filing tariffs and "cost separation" which the Company will go to after the cutover.

Olson moved that Olsen-Thielen be engaged for this work. Petersen seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Andolshek asked Council authority for Gary Fread and herself, or any members of the Telephone Commission or the Council to make a trip to Fargo to Communication Consultants to review engineering costs and to basically establish a contract for post-loan engineering for approval of the Telephone Commission and the Council. Andolshek then moved that this authority be granted. The motion was seconded by Foss. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

There was no report from the Cemetery Commission.

When it came time for the Roads Commission report, a group representing the Dream Island Home Owners asked the Council that their road be maintained. After much discussion, Olson moved that the Dream Island road be maintained. Andolshek seconded the motion.

Olson then asked Attorney Fritz what the status of the McClintock Road was. Fritz stated that Judge Spellacy had ruled it was to be maintained but denied the request for reimbursement for monies expended for earlier maintenance. Fritz said that he had already written to the League of Municipalities to see if they might not become involved in appeal if they judged the appeal to have merit.

Olson withdrew his previous motion. Then, after much discussion, Olson moved that all City roads be accepted for maintenance. Petersen seconded the motion. When a vote was called for, Petersen, Andolshek and Olson voted "AYE". Foss voted "NO". Motion carried.

The Clerk submitted a bill from Terry Moberg of Brainerd Ambulance for compensation for gas used in the ambulance for other than ambulance business, specifically for use of the vehicle by the Zoning Coordinator in the pursuit of his duties as Coordinator. Foss moved that the bill be paid. Petersen seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried, and the Clerk was instructed to see that the bill be paid.

Councilman Petersen was appointed to contact the ambulance personnel to arrange a meeting between them and the Council to discuss some type of compensation for manning the ambulance. Petersen was to notify the Clerk when arrangements had been made.

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Reporting for the Parks Commission, Councilman Foss stated that there were indications that the City would receive the grant money for work on the park site. He further stated that, if the City were to get the original grant, their actions during the first year would be observed closely, and if proven satisfactory they would stand a chance of getting financial support to further improve the park over a period of five years. Mr. Foss also said that he and Mr. Pearson were going to Staples to get assistance in the completion of the paper work relative to this grant.

Two resolutions then came up for consideration. One was to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant application on behalf of the City. The other was that the Council was in agreement with the proposal to develop the park over a period of five years. In each instance the move to adopt was by Foss and the second by Andolshek. All members voted "AYE". Both resolutions were adopted and a copy of each is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Albin "Andy" Andolshek approached the Council with a tentative plan for the acquisition of some property from the State of Minnesota for use as an airport. Foss moved that Mr. Andolshek be designated as Airport Commissioner and that he be empowered to explore the possibility of acquiring the State-held property. Olson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE", with the exception of Councilperson Andolshek who abstained from voting.

Under the heading of old business, Foss moved that \$685.00 that had been collected by Mr. Jack Lawrence for the purpose of dredging the Whitefish-Trout channel, and was being held in escrow in the City General Fund, should be sent to the Brainerd Construction Services, along with a letter indicating that the City was not assuming any responsibility in the matter. Mr. Foss further indicated that a copy of the letter should be sent to Mr. Lawrence and to Merrill Stodghill, as a representative of the Whitefish Property Owners. Andolshek seconded the motion. All members voted "AYE", and the Clerk was instructed to take care of the matter.

Councilman Petersen, speaking for the Planning Commission, stated that it was the recommendation of the Commission that Jan Mezzenga be kept on as Zoning Coordinator until the new proposed ordinances had been read and acted upon. At which time the Commission would come up with a new proposal. Foss moved that the Commission's recommendation be accepted. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE", with the exception of Olson who abstained.

Andolshek read some suggested changes in the "Employee Policy Statement". The suggestions were not acted upon, but would be at the next meeting when each member of the Council would be supplied with a copy of the proposed changes.

Mayor Fogelberg suggested that signs be placed over the doors in the City Hall to make it easier for the public to locate the various offices.

Councilman Olson suggested that the lights in the meeting hall not be controlled by the switch in the Telephone Office, so that it would not be necessary for the lights in the hall to be on all day.

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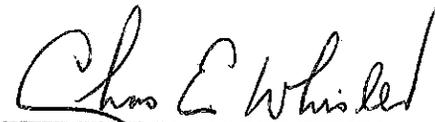
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Foss mentioned that the Region V Economic Development Survey showed that the population of Crosslake was approximately 1200. He said that this information might be helpful to the City, especially because revenue sharing funds are based, partially, on population. He also stated that if the City intends seeking more grants they might be aided by the fact that the current population is approximately 30% more than the last official census of 1970.

Councilman Foss also suggested that the Clerk write "Thank You" letters to Carol Coulter and Marvel Bacon for their efforts in assuring the success of the Development Survey.

Mayor Fogelberg then made a speech praising outgoing Council members Foss and Petersen for their contributions to the progress of the City over the years. She then presented each with a plaque.

On a motion by Petersen with a second by Foss, all members voting "AYE", the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.



Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk