

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017
7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL**

The Crosslake City Council met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, December 11, 2017. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Patty Norgaard, Dave Nevin, Gary Heacox, Brad Nelson and Dave Schrupp. Also present were City Administrator/Treasurer Mike Lyonais, Police Chief Erik Lee, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Land Service Specialist Jon Kolstad, Land Survey/Planning Coordinator Paul Herkenhoff, City Attorney Brad Person, City Engineer Mike Rardin, Northland Press Reporter Bill Monroe, and Echo Publishing Reporter Theresa Bourke. There were approximately forty people in the audience.

A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Norgaard called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. MOTION 12R-01-17 WAS MADE BY GARY HEACOX AND SECONDED BY DAVE NEVIN TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR – MOTION 12R-02-17 WAS MADE BY DAVE SCHRUPP AND SECONDED BY GARY HEACOX TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2017
2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2017
3. City – Month End Revenue Report dated November 2017
4. City – Month End Expenditures Report dated November 2017
5. November 2017 Budget to Actual Analysis
6. Pledged Collateral Report dated November 30, 2017
7. Memo dated December 11, 2017 from Mike Lyonais Re: Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement
8. Police Report for Crosslake – November 2017
9. Police Report for Mission Township – November 2017
10. Fire Department Report – November 2017
11. North Memorial Ambulance Report – November 2017
12. Planning and Zoning Monthly Statistics
13. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2017
14. Public Works Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2017
15. Pay Request No. 3 from Eagle Construction Co., Inc. for WWTF Improvements in the Amount of \$142,974.05
16. Pay Request No. 3 from Redstone Construction for Dream Island Bridge in the Amount of \$53,394.51
17. Crosslake Roll Off Recycling Report for November 2017
18. Waste Partners Recycling Report for October 2017
19. EDA Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2017
20. Crosslake Park/Library Commission Meeting Minutes of 11/1/17
21. Resolution No. 17-31 Accepting Donations
22. Kitchigami Regional Library System Service Contract with City of Crosslake for 2018
23. Memo dated December 6, 2017 Re: 2018 Fee Schedule

24. Application for Outdoor Public Fireworks Display for WinterFest 2018
 25. Letter dated November 17, 2017 from Louise Stommes Regarding Sewer Rate Increase
 26. Memo dated December 5, 2017 from City Clerk Re: Retroactive Approval of Bills for Payment
 27. Bills for Approval in the Amount of \$133,054.49
 28. Memo dated December 11, 2017 from City Clerk Re: Zoning Administrator and Signatories
 29. Additional Bills for Approval in the Amount of \$18,396.96
- MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

C. PUBLIC FORUM – Jess Eide of 38083 County Road 66 presented a check to the City in the amount of \$1,113.00 on behalf of the PAL Foundation for benches.

Dan Heggerston of 35533 Sand Point Drive addressed the Council to state his opinion regarding an item in the packet regarding the Lutheran Social Services food transporter position which is currently held by a City employee. Mr. Heggerston asked that the Council not grant approval of the request because it is not ethical for a government employee to hold another job during normal working hours.

Public Works Director Ted Strand reported that a good Samaritan paid for his meal at a restaurant over the weekend and he thanked the anonymous person.

City Engineer Mike Rardin addressed the Council and stated that he was confused as to the role of Bolton & Menk. This packet included a proposal from WSN to complete the 2018 Road Inventory. Mr. Rardin explained that Bolton & Menk would produce a Pavement Management Plan as part of their services at no cost to the City. Mr. Rardin requested that the Council, staff and engineer meet to discuss their role moving forward.

D. MAYOR'S REPORT –

1. Three students, Austin Ballis, Taylor Max, and Emma Schott, from the Crosslake Community School read their essays, "If I Were Mayor for a Day". Mayor Norgaard presented the students with Friends of the City certificates.

E. CRITICAL ISSUES

1. Cindy Myogeto of the Chamber and Jess Eide of the WinterFest Committee gave an update on the scheduled activities for the WinterFest to be held February 1-3, 2018. MOTION 12R-03-17 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY GARY HEACOX TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC TASTING OF SOUP IN THE CITY OF CROSSLAKE ON FEBRUARY 3, 2018. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.
2. Corrine Hodapp of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers appeared before the Council to give a brief history of the Corps responsibilities and a recap of the 2017 activities and traffic counts.
3. Carla White of 12186 Ginseng Patch Road read a resolution on behalf of the Crosslakers regarding the National Loon Center. MOTION 12R-04-17 WAS MADE BY GARY HEACOX AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-32 SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL LOON CENTER. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

F. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Mike Lyonais reported that the City's official newspaper, Northland Press, would be closing their offices from December 23, 2017 through January 8, 2018. Included in the packet was a letter from the Pine and Lakes Echo Journal, requesting that the City appoint them as the official newspaper for 2018. Mr. Lyonais stated that the City would need to have an alternate publishing source during the two weeks that the Northland Press is closed, should there be a legal notice to publish. MOTION 12R-05-17 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO APPOINT BOTH THE NORTHLAND PRESS AND THE PINE AND LAKES ECHO JOURNAL AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR 2018. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.
2. Mike Lyonais reported that the City will receive \$8,830.43 from the MN Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office for partial reimbursement of the cost of the 2017 wind storm.
3. MOTION 12R-06-17 WAS MADE BY PATTY NORGAARD AND SECONDED BY BRAD NELSON TO APPROVE THE STAFFING AGREEMENT WHICH ALLOWS CITY STAFF TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM NJPA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,680 AND TO DISPERSE FUNDS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,680 FOR RESEARCH OF THE NATIONAL LOON CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.
3. MOTION 12R-07-17 WAS MADE BY BRAD NELSON AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO REMOVE CHIEF ERIK LEE FROM PROBATION STATUS. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION 12R-08-17 WAS MADE BY GARY HEACOX AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO REMOVE OFFICER TONY MARKS FROM PROBATION STATUS. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION 12R-09-17 WAS MADE BY DAVE SCHRUPP AND SECONDED BY GARY HEACOX TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION AND RETIREMENT LETTER FROM HEAVY EQUIPMENT/SEWER OPERATOR LEIGH MARTINEAU, EFFECTIVE 12/15/17. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION 12R-10-17 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY BRAD NELSON TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO POST AND PUBLISH NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT TO FILL VACANCY OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT/SEWER OPERATOR. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Chief Erik Lee reported that after evaluating officers since he became Chief on 6/1/17 to determine who would make the best sergeant, his recommendation is to promote Officer Eric Swanson. MOTION 12R-11-17 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY BRAD NELSON TO PROMOTE OFFICER ERIC SWANSON TO SERGEANT EFFECTIVE 1/1/18 WITH A 6% PAY GRADE INCREASE AND 6 MONTH PROBATION PERIOD. Officer Eric Swanson thanked the Chief and Council for this opportunity and reported that he just celebrated his 20th anniversary as officer with the City. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. Chief Lee presented stripes and chevrons to Eric Swanson.

5. Mike Lyonais requested that the Council reconsider the adjustment to his salary of 6%, as outlined in his memo dated 11/13/17, which was included in the 11/13/17 Council packet. Mr. Lyonais was promoted from Finance Director/Treasurer to City Administrator/Treasurer on July 10, 2017 and has not been given a pay grade salary adjustment. A MOTION WAS MADE BY PATTY NORGAARD AND SECONDED BY BRAD NELSON TO APPROVE THE 6% PAY GRADE INCREASE FOR MIKE LYONAI, RETROACTIVE TO 7/10/17, SUBJECT TO A PERFORMANCE REVIEW IN FEBRUARY 2018. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the words "subject to" included in the Mayor's motion. Mike Lyonais stated that all employees are given an annual performance review in February and that it is unusual to promote an employee without compensation. Three other employees have been promoted and given immediate pay grade increases. Mayor Norgaard and Brad Nelson rescinded the proposed motion. MOTION 12R-12-17 WAS MADE BY PATTY NORGAARD AND SECONDED BY DAVE NEVIN TO APPROVE A 6% PAY GRADE INCREASE TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR/TREASURER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY WITH RETROACTIVE PAY TO 7/10/17. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

G. COMMISSION REPORTS

1. PARK AND RECREATION/LIBRARY

- a. In the absence of Park Director Jon Henke, Mike Lyonais presented a staff report dated December 4, 2017 from Mr. Henke regarding a Lutheran Social Services food transporter position. Mr. Lyonais stated that this was a policy decision for the Council to make, which would affect all City employees. The Council should evaluate what is happening rather than who is doing it. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether the City should allow an employee to work part time for another entity during normal business hours and if the decision would negatively affect the services of the Senior Nutrition Program. Attorney Person stated that the Council should have a written policy for this case and any future request, including which employer is liable when the employee is driving back and forth. Gary Heacox questioned the amount of time spent on picking up the meals and said he thought it was unethical. The job should have been posted and a volunteer could have done it. Mike Lyonais added that the Senior Nutrition Program is run by volunteers and that the meals used to be supplied from Reed's Market in Crosslake. Now a driver must pick the meals up in Pine River. Chief Lee stated that approximately 10 years ago, he had a written contract with the City to perform septic inspections. If an inspection was required during business hours, he would have to change into street clothes and was not allowed to count that time as hours worked. Ted Strand stated that employees should be allowed to take time off to do personal things during the day. It was the consensus of the Council to direct the Personnel Committee to research and discuss the situation and to bring a recommendation to the Council at its next meeting.
- b. *Item removed at request of applicant.*
- c. MOTION 12R-13-17 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY BRAD NELSON TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS, FIREWALL, NETWORK SWITCHES, AND BACKUP SERVER AT A COST OF \$11,673.76. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION 12R-14-17 WAS MADE BY BRAD NELSON AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO APPROVE THE INCREASE FOR SILVER SNEAKERS INSTRUCTOR FROM \$24 PER CLASS TO \$26 PER CLASS EFFECTIVE 1/1/18. Dave Nevin asked if the revenues for the classes should be split with the instructor 50/50. Mike Lyonais stated that the Zumba instructor is paid in that manner. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Brad Nelson asked to see the annual revenue for the weight room and the City's fees compared with other commercial businesses in town.

2. PUBLIC WORKS/CEMETERY/SEWER

- a. Ted Strand made a recommendation to the Council that WSN be appointed as City Engineer for 2018 and for all road projects and that Bolton & Menk be appointed as Engineer of sewer system. Mike Lyonais stated that Mr. Strand works with the engineers on a daily basis and that he supports Ted's recommendation. MOTION 12R-15-17 WAS MADE BY DAVE SCHRUPP AND SECONDED BY PATTY NORGAARD TO APPOINT WSN AS 2018 CITY ENGINEER AND ROAD ENGINEER AND TO APPOINT BOLTON & MENK AS SEWER SYSTEM ENGINEER.

Dave Nevin stated that he was confused as to why Bolton & Menk has not been given a chance to do more work. Gary Heacox added that once the road projects were done, WSN was supposed to be doing engineering for the City. Brad Nelson suggested that if staff is not happy with the engineering, the matter should be revisited at a special meeting. Ted Strand noted that when the salt/sand building had structural problems, Bolton & Menk suggested that the building be demolished and rebuilt. WSN suggested a long-term fix which was more affordable. Mr. Strand stated that the City wants a GIS road system that the City would own and that staff could update. WSN was willing to work with the City to develop this.

Mayor Norgaard noted that the Public Works Commission members and City staff have experience in this field and that the Council should be fair and unbiased when selecting an engineer. Dave Nevin countered that Bolton & Menk has not had an opportunity to show the City what they are capable of. Dave Schrupp replied that there have been no new projects since the wastewater treatment plant upgrades were awarded to Bolton & Menk. MOTION FAILED WITH NELSON, HEACOX AND NEVIN OPPOSED.

- b. Ted Strand removed this item from the agenda.
- c. John Graupman of Bolton & Menk gave the Council a brief update on the wastewater treatment plant upgrades project. There have been two change orders at an estimated cost of \$7,701. Bolton & Menk included a construction allowance of \$70,000 in their contract, so this amount will be deducted from that. Mike Lyonais noted that the City has spent approximately \$665,000 to date on the project.

H. PUBLIC FORUM – None.

I. OLD BUSINESS – None.

J. NEW BUSINESS – None.

K. CITY ATTORNEY – Pursuant to M.S. 13D, Subd. 3b, the Council moved into closed session at 8:55 P.M. to discuss pending litigation/settlement information.

L. ADJOURN -- The Council resumed the open session and the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlene Nelson

City Clerk

City Clerk/Minutes/12-11-17

City of Crosslake

RESOLUTION 17-31

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION(S)

WHEREAS, the City of Crosslake encourages public donations to help defray costs to the general public of providing services and improving the quality of life in Crosslake; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crosslake is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of citizens; and

WHEREAS, said Statute 465.03 requires that all gifts and donations of real or personal property be accepted only with the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of the members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the following person/persons and/or entity/entities has/have donated real and/or personal property as follows:

FROM	DONATION	INTENDED PURPOSE
PAL Foundation	\$143.00	Friday Bridge

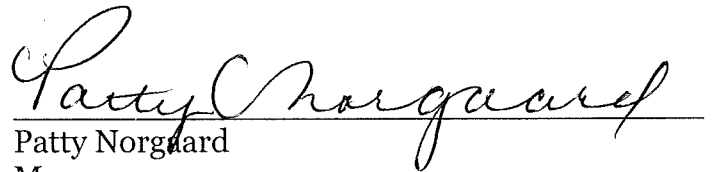
; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crosslake will strive to use the donation as intended by the donor; and


WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept said donation(s) as offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Crosslake that the donation(s) as described above are accepted as allowed by law.

Passed this 11th day of December, 2017.


Patty Norgaard
Mayor

ATTEST:


Michael R. Lyonais
City Administrator
(SEAL)

BILLS FOR APPROVAL
December 11, 2017

VENDORS	DEPT		AMOUNT
Ace Hardware, rubber cement	PW		6.99
Ace Hardware, keys	Park		1.99
Ace Hardware, tree wrap	Park		19.96
Ace Hardware, hardware	Park		10.78
Ace Hardware, epoxy	PW		13.98
Ace Hardware, radar sign hardware	Police		10.29
Ace Hardware, alcohol	PW		1.50
Ace Hardware, pliers	PW		44.99
Ace Hardware, hardware	PW		24.45
Ace Hardware, reel	PW		5.11
Ace Hardware, staples	PW		11.87
Ace Hardware, faucet, batteries, light clips	PW		71.45
Ace Hardware, hardware	PW		10.38
Ace Hardware, shovel, chemicals	Sewer		105.97
Ace Hardware, extn cords, thermostat, hexkey set, cable ties	PW		290.37
Ace Hardware, caulk	PW		7.99
Ace Hardware, electrical tape	PW		39.54
Ace Hardware, soldering iron, butane	PW		23.98
Ace Hardware, suet	Park		26.64
Ace Hardware, batteries	Park		9.38
Ace Hardware, shower head	Park		15.99
Ace Hardware, paint, frame, roller	PW		29.30
Ace Hardware, hardware	Sewer		29.84
Ace Hardware, boots	Sewer		116.76
Ace Hardware, husqvarna parts	Fire		16.99
Ace Hardware, christmas lights	Gov't		296.06
Ace Hardware, hardware	Fire		0.95
Ace Hardware, hardware	Sewer		32.97
Ace Hardware, rainsuit, janitorial supplies	Sewer		99.94
AW Research, water testing	Sewer		356.40
Birchdale Fire & Security, quarterly monitoring	Gov't		162.00
BLAEDC, government funding	EDA		3,700.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, health insurance	ALL		20,923.50
Blue Water Wells, final payment	Sewer		3,397.00
Bolton & Menk, wwtf facilities	Sewer		9,239.00
Brainerd Hydraulics, hose, couplers	PW		51.76
Breen & Person, legal fees	ALL		945.00
City of Crosslake, sewer utilities	PW/Gov't		270.00
Clean Team, december cleaning	PW/Gov't		1,082.50
Council #65, union dues	Gov't		385.00
Crosslake Communications, phone, fax, cable, internet	ALL		1,407.81
Crosslake Demolition, plant cleanup	Sewer		33.00
Crosslake Fire Relief Assn, annual contribution	Fire		19,125.00
Crosslake Rolloff, recycling	Gov't		2,695.00
Crosslake Sheetmetal, flashing	PW		28.00

Crow Wing County, phone factor reimbursement	Police		293.99
Crow Wing County Recorder, filing fee	PZ		46.00
Culligan, water and cooler rental	PW/Gov't		69.50
Dacotah Paper, janitorial supplies	Park		458.46
Deferred Comp	ALL		250.00
Delta Dental, dental insurance	ALL		1,671.20
DJV Consulting, september-november services	Admin		525.00
Essentia Health, flu vaccine	Fire		39.00
Fire Instruction & Rescue, emr quarterly training	Fire		600.00
First Systems Techonology, calibration	Sewer		1,530.00
Fortis, disability	ALL		650.84
Git R Dun, pump services	Sewer		900.00
Granite Electronics, charger	Fire		83.33
Guardian Pest Solutions, pest control	ALL		77.60
Hawkins, chemcials	Sewer		991.61
Holden Electric, two motor savers	PW		218.55
Holiday Station, premium fuel	PW		9.05
Independent Testing Technologies, concrete	Sewer		500.00
Jen Anderson, transcription services	Police		30.00
Joe Chase, reimburse travel expenses	PW	pd 11-20	582.78
Little Falls Machine, spinner replacement, plow markers	PW		1,116.33
Mail Finance, postage meter rental	Gov't		236.49
Marco, copier lease	Park		230.23
Mastercard, Amazon.com, magazine subscriptions	Library		433.73
Mastercard, Amazon.com, batteries	Police		30.24
Mastercard, NRS, shipping charges	Fire	pd 11-27	35.00
Mastercard, Office Max, office supplies	Park		57.25
Mastercard, Post Office, postage	Sewer		99.28
Mastercard, Reeds Market, halloween party	Park	pd 11-20	12.09
Menards, door tracks, hardware	PW		150.35
Menards, filters	Park		55.92
Menards, trash pump, hose	Sewer		938.64
MN Dept of Agriculture, tree registry	PW		25.00
MN Life, life insurance	ALL		456.40
MN State Fire Chiefs Assn, conference	Fire		600.00
MPCA, wastewater certification exam	Sewer		55.00
Napa, halogen capsule	Police		27.40
Napa, gloves	PW		37.51
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Napa, wiper blades	PW		29.46
NCPERS-Life Insurance	ALL		80.00
Neopost, ink cartridge	Gov't		204.99
NJPA, comp plan services	Gov't		475.00
Northland Freightliner, dot inspection	PW		155.17
Northland Press, ordinance 350	Admin		68.00
Premier Auto, oil change, mount and balance tires	Police		91.39
Premier Auto, daytime running light bulb	PW		13.13
Premier Auto, oil change	Park		33.34

Premier Auto, mount and balance tires	Police		60.00
Premier Auto, mount and balance tires	Police		60.00
Premier Auto, fuses	PW		8.10
Riteway, w2's and 1099's	Admin		172.00
Riteway, fund accounting checks	Admin		195.39
Squad Pro, map light	Police		169.99
Squad Pro, flashers	PW		439.96
Teamsters, union dues	Police		308.00
The Office Shop, ink cartridge	PZ		33.27
US Bank, copier lease	ALL		156.00
Verizon, m2m charges	Police	pd 11-27	38.58
Verizon, cell phone charges	ALL		354.94
Waste Partners, trash removal	ALL		240.93
WSN, dream island bridge	PW		20,194.71
WSN, 2018 road improvements	PW		29,137.74
Xcel Energy, gas utilities	ALL		995.74
TOTAL			133,054.49

ADDITIONAL BILLS FOR APPROVAL
December 11, 2017

VENDORS	DEPT		AMOUNT
Ace Hardware, super glue	PW		11.57
Ace Hardware, hose	PW		31.98
Ace Hardware, auto stripper, pliers	PW		63.76
Ace Hardware, christmas lights	Park		3.99
Ace Hardware, bulb	Park		12.99
Ace Hardware, christmas lights	Park		11.97
Ace Hardware, christmas lights	Park		7.98
American Park and Recreation, benches	Park		1,113.00
AW Research, water testing	Sewer		118.80
Batteries Plus, led retro kit	PW		59.70
Braun Intertec, mn dot testing	PW		687.75
Crosslake Sheetmetal, gas leak repair	Sewer		374.18
Crow Wing County, 47% of heater replacement	PW		1,934.05
Crow Wing County Highway Dept, fuel	ALL		2,250.02
Crow Wing Power, electric services	Gov't		982.00
CTC I.T., november 2017 i.t. labor	ALL		750.00
Heartland Tire, tires	Park		535.80
Jon Henke, reimburse mileage	Park		29.15
Jon Henke, reimburse clothing allowance	Park		300.00
Mastercard, MN Board of Accountancy, membership dues	Admin		101.50
Mastercard, Office Max, tape	PW		61.47
Mastercard, Reeds Sporting Goods, ice auger	Park		299.99
Menards, heater	PW		123.34
Meyer Midwest, weather cap kit	Park		10.00
Mike Lyonais, reimburse petty cash	ALL		54.83
MN Department of Agriculture, applicator license renewal	PW		10.00
Napa, hitch pin, ball mount	Police		32.79
North Memorial, emt refresher	Fire		400.00
Northwedge Nursery, compost	Park		60.00
Paul Nelson, reimburse mileage	Fire		44.94
Shannons Auto Body, cutting edges	PW		780.50
Squad Pro, lights and installation of accessories	Fire		4,701.94
Streichers, uniform	Police		149.99
Tower Systems, roll bar with equipment, platform bridge	Fire		1,018.45
Verizon, air card and ipad charges	ALL		395.53
WW Goetsch, ksb grommets	Sewer		433.00
WW Goetsch, replace ring	Sewer		440.00
TOTAL			18,396.96

RESOLUTION NO. 17-32

CITY OF CROSSLAKE
COUNTY OF CROW WING
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL LOON CENTER

WHEREAS, the mission of the National Loon Center-Fresh Water Institute is to create a public state of the art facility that educates and embraces the study and preservation of our State Bird and the on-going effort to conserve and preserve its natural habitat, the Whitefish Chain of Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the National Loon Center Foundation, Brainerd Lakes Area Audubon Society, Initiative Foundation, Lakes and Rivers Alliance, Minnesota Design Team, National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), National Park Service and the University of Minnesota are active supporters of the National Loon Center-Fresh Water Institute; and

WHEREAS, the National Joint Powers Alliance and the University of Minnesota are partnering to define the scope, scale, marketing and feasibility of the National Loon Center-Fresh Water Institute; and


WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has a tradition of supporting national wildlife and nature centers; and

WHEREAS, the Community of Crosslake recognizes the importance of fostering a sustainable economic vitality that supports growth in the areas of tourism and trade

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Crosslake supports the continuing effort and desires to be an active participant in the conceptual development process of the National Loon Center-Fresh Water Institute.

Adopted by the Crosslake City Council this 11th day of December 2017.


Patty Norgaard
Mayor


Charlene Nelson
City Clerk