

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1997
10:00 A.M. - CROSSLAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Crosslake City Council held a second public information meeting on Saturday, September 27, 1997 at 10:00 A.M. at the Crosslake Community Center. Present at the meeting was Mayor Robert Scott, Councilmembers Donna Keiffer and Charles Miller, City Administrator Thomas Swenson, City Engineer Dave Resse, Sid Inman of Ehlers & Associates and Deputy Clerk Darlene Roach. Absent was Councilmember Raymond Smyth and Councilmember Richard Upton. There were 28 individuals in the audience.

Mayor Scott called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. He stated that this was an information meeting only and no decisions would be made. He reminded everyone of the policy established by the Council in 1996 where all granular roads would be upgraded to blacktop surfaces. He also stated that the issuing of \$3.3 million in general obligation bonds was one option of financing the project. The meeting was then turned over to City Administrator Tom Swenson who stated that one letter had been received on the issue which would be read during the question and answer portion of the meeting.

The meeting was turned over to City Engineer Dave Reese who reviewed the policies and standards adopted by the City. He stated that the policies are: 1) to upgrade to paved surfacing all City maintained granular roads; 2) that all roads be built to City standards; and 3) to pave by means of levy versus assessment. A road study conducted by Widseth Smith Nolting in 1996 recommended that the City establish road standards, establish a time frame, investigate options, develop an annual road improvement program and hold public hearings. The road improvement program would upgrade all existing City maintained roads from gravel to paved surfacing, improve drainage, improve clearing where necessary, widen where appropriate (based on traffic counts) and correct right-of-way discrepancies. He stated that the project does not include right-of-way acquisition, capitalized interest for bonds, storm sewers, curb & gutter, street lights, sidewalks or improvements to roads not currently maintained.


Sid Inman explained the financial impact on the City should the referendum be approved. He stated the City has 5.4 million dollars in unused debt under State Statute. He showed the impact to the taxpayer based on various market values.

At 10:20 A.M. the meeting was opened up to the audience for questions and comments. Several individuals expressed their opinions both for and against the project. During the open discussion, City Administrator Tom Swenson again explained that the current City policy is to blacktop all City maintained roads. If the referendum passes, the work will be done in approximately three years, if the referendum does not pass according to the current policy the roads will still be black-topped through a general levy over a longer period of time. A question was raised that maybe there should be two questions on the

ballot if that is the case, however, Sid Inman commented that the City cannot legally put on the ballot questions seeking public input on City policies. City Administrator Tom Swenson read a letter received from Ted Pederson of Shores & More Realty regarding Pine View Lane and Brita Lane requesting that the City bring them up to required standards. Dave Reese responded to the letter by stating that these roads have not been maintained by the City, therefore, would not be included in the roads to be black-topped.

At 11:15 A.M. Mayor Scott thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded and transcribed by:


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