

Crosslake City Council
April 20, 1981 - 7:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING - DISCUSSION OF INCREASING
SALARY FOR REGULAR AMBULANCE DRIVER TO
MAINTAIN LOCAL AMBULANCE SERVICE IN CROSSLAKE.

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Mayor Carol Coulter called the special meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Game and Fish Building as City Hall had another meeting scheduled. Councilmen Arends, Andolshek, Anderson and Delmonico were present. There were about 12 members of the community present.

The mayor stated that the city was faced with a serious problem as Bob Garin, our regular driver, who works six days a week for twenty-four hours a day, and is relieved by Bill Reece for one day week, generally on Sunday, may be seeking employment elsewhere unless the city can offer him a fair full-time salary. The city may be left with an ambulance with no one to drive it.

The mayor stated that she would like to have the council members listen to a presentation by Councilman Delmonico and Terry Moberg from Brainerd Ambulance and then have a motion presented at which time the topic could be opened for discussion with the council and members of the audience.

Delmonico suggested that we increase the drivers' salary from \$15.00 to \$25.00 a day, this is a 24 hour call day, and the attendants from \$12.00 to \$15.00 a day, also a 24 hour call day. He stated that Terry Moberg of Brainerd Ambulance will continue to handle the payroll burden on this just as he has in the past, which saves the city money. This would increase the annual cost to \$10,655. from \$5,748.

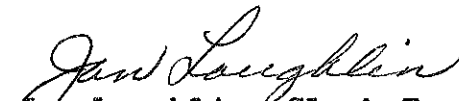
Terry Moberg presented a financial report on the Crosslake Ambulance Service which indicated that he was not making money on this account but only providing a service.

MOTION: By Delmonico and seconded by Anderson that the compensation for the ambulance drivers be increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00, a 24 hour day on call, and the attendants be increased from \$12.00 to \$15.00, a 24 hour day on call. The motion carried with Anderson, Coulter and Delmonico, voting "AYE", Arends, voting "NAY" and Andolshek, abstaining. The following discussion took place before the vote was taken: Arends suggested that we consider using the police as ambulance. Delmonico stated that the police were now working to an absolute maximum and he did not feel that we could even consider this. Terry Moberg stated that this has been tried in Willmar and this has not been satisfactory. Police Officer Coulter stated that this would not work under their present schedule and duties. The mayor stated that the surrounding communities are supporting the city for their share of the calls. Arends stated that perhaps the city should look at what it costs to keep the ambulance here in Crosslake. It was pointed out that the garage was built with donations from the public. Andolshek suggested that perhaps the city should consider increasing the drivers' amount to \$20. instead of \$25. and consider an additional \$5. at a later date. as the drivers' increase was so much more than the attendants. Anderson explained that the attendants were not on call 6 days a week like Mr. Garin. Arends questioned where the money not budgeted for will come from. Delmonico suggested that it could come from the Telephone Company or that the Revenue Sharing money could be re-allocated with another public hearing. Arends stated that he was opposed to taking the money allocated for the building repair. In regard to Andolshek's suggestion of the \$5. raise, Anderson stated that he felt this was not the issue. He said he felt the issue at hand was what it would take to keep the driver in Crosslake. Mr. Moberg stated that if Garin's longevity and the number of hours he puts in were compared with the Brainerd driver's salary he would be making \$23,000.

annually. Betty Mezzenga stated that if you broke the \$25. per day down per hour it would be less than minimum wage, that if this was put in its proper perspective it is not too much to ask. Delmonico stated that it breaks down to \$1.04 an hour. Officer Coulter stated that he feels that the city is very fortunate to have a man that is even willing to do this job. Barb Lindquist stated that the drivers and attendents pay for their own uniforms and a lot of other expenses involved with training.

On a motion by Anderson and seconded by Delmonico that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Jan Laughlin, Clerk-Treasurer