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A regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. on May 9, 1977, in the City Hall by Mayor Fogelberg. Present were Councilmen Olson, Andolshek, Arends, Benson, Clerk Whisler and City Attorney Fritz. Also present were eighteen members of the community.

When the minutes for the April 11th meeting came up for consideration, the Clerk recommended two changes. The Council members made the necessary changes in their copies. Olson then moved the minutes be accepted as amended. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Andolshek moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's financial report for the City. Olson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Councilman Andolshek explained that the Telephone Company financial report was not ready due to a changeover in the Bank's system of handling their accounts. The report should be ready for the May 23rd meeting.

The Clerk read a request from the Game and Fish Club that they be issued a "Bingo" permit for the period from May 27 through September 1977. Olson moved it be granted. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". The Clerk was instructed to issue the permit.

The Clerk then read a letter from City Attorney Fritz which concluded with the statement that "City Ordinance 8A, limiting the number of liquor licenses issued, is constitutional and valid----."

Andolshek, reporting for the Telephone Commission, stated the first advance of funds from the REA loan had been made to the Telephone Co. She also announced that Verne Armfield of Communication Consultants had died. Crosslake had been represented at his funeral by Mayor Fogelberg, Telephone Manager Fread and Councilperson Andolshek.

Andolshek asked the Council to act on the statement of Telephone Company policies, a copy of which had previously been given to each member of the Council. Benson moved the policies be accepted and approved. Olson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE", except Arends who abstained. Motion carried.

There was nothing to report for the Cemetery Commission.

Reporting for the Roads Commission was Councilman Arends who displayed pictures of Pine Bay Road showing how the surface had been torn up by heavy equipment.

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance 18A which is "An Ordinance providing for the custody and disposal of property except motor vehicles coming into the possession of the City of Crosslake and remaining unclaimed". Arends moved the Ordinance be approved. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion passed. The Clerk was instructed to have the Ordinance published in the official newspaper.

The Clerk then read proposed Ordinance 19A which is "An Ordinance providing for the custody and disposal of motor vehicles coming into the possession of the City of Crosslake and remaining unclaimed". Benson moved the approval of the Ordinance. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". The Clerk was instructed to have this Ordinance published in the official newspaper. Both of these Ordinances will become effective upon publication.

The next order of business was the report of the Ambulance Commission. The Clerk read a letter from Terry A. Moberg of Brainerd Ambulance, Inc., in which he submitted a proposal for ambulance service in Crosslake for the period from June 1, 1977 to June 1, 1978 at a cost of \$500 per month. This figure would include all salaries and standby time for employees.

Mr. Hildor Foss, Chairman of the Ambulance Committee, then gave his report. He reviewed the history of Crosslake Ambulance Service, and its rather precarious existence. He told of the Committee that was eventually formed to try to put the ambulance service on a more stable basis. This committee consisted of Mr. Foss, "Andy" Andolshek, Al Yorek, Francis Fraser, and Bob Wiebke. This committee had met six or eight times. They had decided after much deliberation, that there were four options open, namely: 1. Forego ambulance service; 2. Continue with Mr. Moberg; 3. The City could go into the ambulance service themselves; 4. Join with other communities in a joint venture.

Mr. Foss further stated that at the April 11, 1977 meeting the City Council had decided to advertise for bids for the purchase of an ambulance and also to advertise for an operator. Before the ads could be published, the Ambulance Committee asked that the advertising be postponed. The Committee then prepared a letter recommending that Crosslake join other communities in support of ambulance service. On Tuesday, May 3rd, the Committee met with some of the ambulance workers. Many of the workers expressed a reluctance to work with anyone other than Mr. Moberg. As a result, the Committee decided not to release the letter stating their recommendations. Mr. Foss mentioned they had been working for three months in an attempt to resolve the situation and he thought it time the Council arrive at a decision.

Francis Fraser of the Ambulance Committee was called on. He stated he was primarily interested in keeping the ambulance. To him cost was secondary.

Al Yorek was then called on and he said that Mr. Fraser had pretty well summed it up.

(At this point there were thirty-seven members of the community in attendance.)

Mr. Garold Bohall, a member of the community and a volunteer ambulance worker, stated that his first loyalty was to the City of Crosslake and continued ambulance service for the City.

Councilman Olson commended the Ambulance Committee for the work they had done.

Mr. Moberg, head of Brainerd Ambulance, stated he was the only one who could operate an ambulance in the area. He said he would go to the Supreme Court, if necessary, to protect his rights. (There was scattered applause from the ambulance workers.)

Mr. Bohall announce that, if Mr. Moberg left, he also would leave.

Betty Mezzenga, an ambulance volunteer, suggested all ambulance volunteers be polled to see if that was the consensus of opinion amongst them, if their loyalty was to the City or to one operator.

Mr. Foss read a letter stating that anyone having a license to operate an ambulance in Minnesota was not restricted, but could operate in any area in the state.

There were some pro and con discussions as to the qualifications of an ambulance operator other than Mr. Moberg if the City decided to vote in favor of a joint venture with other communities.

A question arose as to how Mr. Moberg could recoup his losses, as had been stated, on the basis of a \$500 monthly charge if he had been losing money in previous months while collecting \$1,200 or \$1,300.

It was decided to temporarily table discussion of the ambulance situation so that other matters could be taken care of.

The first item to be discussed was the vacation of a platted but unused roadway lying southerly of the easterly extension of the northerly line of Lot 13, Block 1, Section 19, Crosslake Park Plat. This request for vacation had been duly advertised twice in the official newspaper. No one voiced any objections to the vacation. Benson moved the vacation be approved. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Vacation granted.

The time had arrived for the opening of bids for the construction of a double tennis court to include all fencing and equipment. The Clerk read the only bid which had been submitted. This was from the Anderson Bros. Construction Co. of Brainerd, in the amount of seventeen thousand five hundred and ten dollars (\$17,510.00). Olson moved the bid be approved. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Bid was approved and the Clerk was instructed to notify Anderson Construction Company.

A letter from the Planning Commission was then read, in which it was stated the Commission had voted unanimously at their May 5, 1977 meeting to change the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32, Twp. 137, Range 27, from a Commercial to an Industrial classification in order that the Native Lumber Co. might be allowed to operate a sawmill and store lumber. The Commission had also voted favorably on a request by the Native Lumber Co. to erect a building for the housing of machinery. The letter asked the Council to review the requests. Benson moved the reclassification be granted and that the building permit be granted. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". The actions of the Planning Commission were approved.

Fire Chief Fraser spoke cautioning people not to do any open burning, and to burn in a container only if there were a screen on top. The Chief also mentioned that a 1,500 gallon tank had been mounted on the surplus Army truck and had been put to good use at some recent fires. The Chief asked that the fire truck be parked inside the City garage and the City truck remain outside. Permission was granted.

Discussion of the ambulance situation resumed.

A representative from Pequot Lakes, when questioned, stated that under the joint community plan an ambulance could be placed in Crosslake in a week, but there should be a six-month clause or contract.

Mr. Foss called on County Commissioner Otto Schalow for comments. Mr. Schalow stated he wholeheartedly endorsed the Joint Power Action. This was also the stated opinion of Mr. Foss.

Mr. Foss suggested the Council follow through on Mrs. Mezzenga's idea of polling the ambulance workers to see what the individual attitudes were regarding the four options stated earlier, as to solving the ambulance situation. He disqualified himself from the job as he had already stated his

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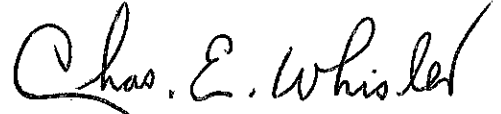
personal opinion and he thought the workers should be contacted by someone neutral. Councilpersons Andolshek and Benson volunteered to help conduct the poll.

Mayor Fogelberg announced that she was calling a special meeting for Monday, May 16, 1977, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall to arrive at a final decision in the ambulance matter. The Clerk was asked to have the notice of meeting published in the official newspaper.

The Mayor then read a letter announcing a Glaucoma Clinic at Nisswa on the 21st of May. She also read a letter announcing a Pancake Breakfast at Pequot Lakes School on the 18th of May. A third letter dealt with a Lawcon workshop to be conducted at the Crow Wing County Courthouse on May 18, 1977.

Arends moved, and Olson seconded, that the Clerk be instructed to buy an Ordinance book from the League of Minnesota Cities for \$25.00. The Mayor ruled that she did not believe it necessary to have a motion and she instructed the Clerk to make the purchase.

Andolshek moved the meeting be adjourned. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Meeting adjourned at 9:59 P.M.



Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk