

PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE  
HARBOR LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
PRELIMINARY IMPROVEMENT HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021  
6:00 P.M. - CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Session on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at City Hall. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, Marcia Seibert-Volz, John Andrews, and Aaron Herzog. Dave Schrupp was present via Zoom. Also present were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Park Director TJ Graumann, and City Engineer Dave Reese. There were five people in the audience and on Zoom.

Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was then turned over to Dave Reese, who presented the scope of the project, project cost summary, timing of project, and proposed assessments. The project will include full-depth pavement reclamation of the current road pavement and base, and installation of curbs and spillways for drainage if needed. Records show that the road was last serviced with an overlay in 1997. Mr. Reese explained that the current road is in poor condition with wide, deep cracks. The road is porous and has started to require more regular maintenance. The snow plow is able to pull gravel off the surface and the blade does not lay flat due to the compromised shape of the road. The estimated cost of the project is \$161,000. There are 10 lots on the road that would be assessed. The recommended assessment, based on a licensed appraiser's opinion, is \$4,000 per lot. Mr. Reese explained the payment options.

Dave Nevin asked if another overlay would be an option since the original overlay lasted 24 years. Dave Reese replied that it would be a risk to overlay the road again because it is unknown what the original base was comprised of.

Aaron Herzog asked if the electric company has considered moving the electric underground since the road will be torn up. Mr. Reese stated that the utility companies will be contacted in the design phase of the project and that normally if a City requests that utilities be moved underground, the utility company would require that the City bear the cost.

Tim Kavanaugh of 12195 Harbor Lane asked if the cracks could be repaired and then overlay the road rather than reconstruct. Dave Reese replied that it is possible, however, given the age and condition of the road, an overlay would not add strength to the road. Mr. Kavanaugh asked where the water would run to. Mr. Reese replied that the runoff would drain into the pond area. Mr. Kavanaugh noted that the first curve near CSAH 16 has limited visibility and asked if that would be corrected. Mr. Reese replied that he is open to improving public safety and that the City would need to work with the property owner to acquire land. The City only has a prescriptive easement on Harbor Lane. Mr. Kavanaugh asked if there is a contingency for potential higher costs and asked what would happen if the City only received one bid for the project. Mr. Reese replied that the most expensive portion of the project is the blacktop and that the estimate includes the possibility of higher rates. The City can accept or reject any bid. Mr.

Kavanaugh asked if his assessment would increase if the bids came in higher than expected and stated that he feels the road is in pretty good shape. Mr. Reese replied that the assessment is set at \$4,000 and will not change.

Marcia Seibert-Volz asked if the City could change the easement to right-of-way. Dave Reese replied that it is possible but is a lengthy process. The City would require 66 feet and the legal descriptions would all change. If the property owners are willing to convey land to the City, it is an easy process. However, the City may have to purchase land or take land by eminent domain.

Tim Berg of 12038 Harbor Lane does not think the road needs to be reclaimed because only portions of it are in bad shape. Mr. Berg stated that he would like a bike path added to the road and agreed that the corner near CSAH is a safety issue. Although Mr. Berg owns a large parcel of land, he would receive one assessment of \$4,000. Mr. Berg stated that he wants to keep the mailbox post he currently has and asked that Harbor Lane be the first road on the schedule to be completed because mid-summer is a busy time of year. Dave Reese stated that the Public Works Commission has discussed adding a trail on Harbor Lane in the past and Ted Strand stated that Ideal Township is willing to participate in that project. Mr. Strand added that striping the road could help with safety on the corner.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlene Nelson  
City Clerk

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