

PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022
5:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Crosslake City Council held a Public Hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, Aaron Herzog, Marcia Seibert-Volz, John Andrews and Dave Schrupp. Also present were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Police Chief Erik Lee, Police Sergeant Jake Maier, Park Director TJ Graumann, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, and City Engineer Phil Martin. Echo Journal Reporter Nancy Vogt and Northland Press Reporter Paul Boblett attended via Zoom. There were approximately thirty-five audience members in City Hall and on Zoom.

Dave Nevin called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Nevin stated that the purpose of the meeting had been to hold a hearing regarding final assessments for the Sewer Extension Project, however, the Council held a special meeting last week and voted not to assess property owners on the project. Mr. Nevin stated that the Council would hear comments and answer questions regarding the project.

City Engineer Phil Martin gave a presentation outlining the scope of the project, improvements and purpose, cost information, timing, connection fees, and easements.

Dave Gahn of 37148 County Road 66 asked questions regarding when he needed to hookup and determining the location of the stub. Mr. Gahn asked if the connection fee could be waived. Dave Nevin stated that connection fees would not be waived.

Lee Fischer of 37133 County Road 66 asked questions regarding his irrigation system and landscaping and who would pay if there were damages. Mr. Fischer suggested that the City find one boring company and coordinate the hookups with property owners. Phil Martin replied individual hookups are property owners' responsibilities. Mr. Fischer asked about dust control. Phil Martin replied that the contractor would use water to control dust.

Charles Peitso of 12896 Rushmoor Blvd stated that he was against all types of assessments and that the timing of the sewer extension was all wrong.

Dave Gahn of 37148 County Road 66 asked about access to property and how garbage would be collected. Phil Martin replied that the contractor will take garbage containers to a common location for pickup.

Steve Baker of 37441 County Road 66 thanked Phil Martin and Andy Beadell of Bolton & Menk for the personal attention they gave the Bakers regarding their property. Mr. Baker stated that he already contacted a company to bore in his line and that his neighbor is going to hire the same company.

Mark Lindner of 16543 Pine Lure Drive stated that he lives on a private road and that when he needs a new septic it will cost about \$20,000. Mr. Lindner asked why he should pay for the

property owners who benefit from being connected to the municipal sewer. Dave Nevin stated that everyone benefits from municipal sewer. Mark Linder asked what his direct benefit was and stated that it was not fair. Mr. Lindner stated that the Council could have made the assessments reasonable.

Lee Fischer asked where the detour was. Phil Martin stated that the local detour would be the streets through Old Log Landing. William Sahli of 36967 Brook Street stated that the roads are not going to hold up.

Doug Oster of 13600 County Road 16 asked about the detour for Phase 2 and the use of the bike path. Phil Martin replied that County Road 66 will be closed except for emergency vehicles during Phase 2 and that the bike path will be closed all summer.

Scott Siemers of 35724 County Road 3 stated that he used directional boring to hookup to the sewer a few years ago and that it will cause damage to yards. Mr. Siemers suggested that the property owners get together and talk to one boring company. Mr. Siemers stated that he heard there is limited space at the sewer plant for more volume. Phil Martin replied that the plant is at approximately 60% capacity.

Dean Wright of 37051 County Road 66 asked if the road would be paved before the curb and gutter. Phil Martin replied that the curb and gutter would be completed first, then the paving of the road and the trail last.

Steven Campbell of 17519 County Road 36 asked if the City has assessed everyone for the sewer project. Dave Nevin explained that there are no assessments and that property owners will see an increase in their property taxes to pay for the project.

Marcia Seibert-Volz stated that in Phase 1 of the Sewer Project, restaurants only paid one connection fee and questioned whether Moonlite Bay should be charged more than one connection fee. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding how connection fees were determined in 2004 and how they are being determined now. Phil Martin stated that connection charges are related to plant capacity but that it is a Council decision.

Fred Richter of 13803 Edgewater Lane stated that he was charged for two hookups in Phase 1 because he has a guest cabin and stated he did not know that Zorbaz only paid one hookup fee.

Clay Porter of 36430 County Road 3 stated that he thinks the municipal sewer is a benefit to the entire community and supports the Council's decision to not assess the property owners.

Justin Patten of 37179 County Road 66 stated that he appreciated that the Council was listening to the property owners and asked if the church was going to have access. Phil Martin stated that the church will have access either from the north or south.

Phil Martin stated that there would be updates posted on the City's website.

MOTION 05PH1-01-22 WAS MADE BY MARCIA SEIBERT-VOLZ AND SECONDED BY
AARON HERZOG TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:15 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH
ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk