

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
2022 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2023
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022
6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake held a Public Information Meeting on December 12, 2022. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, Dave Schrupp, Marcia Seibert-Volz, and Aaron Herzog. John Andrews participated via Zoom. Also present were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Public Works Director Pat Wehner, Park and Recreation Director TJ Graumann, Planning and Zoning Administrator Pete Gansen, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, and Police Chief Erik Lee. Echo Publishing Reporter Nancy Vogt attended via Zoom. There were approximately twenty audience members on Zoom and in City Hall.

Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and turned the meeting over to Mike Lyonais. Mr. Lyonais reported that the purpose of the meeting was to take public comment and answer questions regarding the 2023 Budget and Proposed Tax Levy.

Tom Swenson of 35533 Sand Pointe Drive addressed the Council and stated there were no handouts for the audience to look at. Mike Lyonais replied that there were packets on the front table for anyone that wanted one.

Mark Lindner of 16543 Pine Lure Drive addressed the Council and stated that property values went up this year, so the City should keep the tax rate down in order to keep taxes down.

Dave Nevin stated that the City's levy increased 9% and inflation was also up 9%. Mike Lyonais reviewed the new bond issues and how those affected the levy.

Warren Stock of 13421 Island View Lane addressed the Council and noted that the Council voted 3/2 to not assess the sewer extension project. Mr. Stock asked the Council how he benefitted from the project because his property was not located in the project area. Dave Nevin replied that everyone benefits from clean lake water. A lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Stock regarding assessments and the amount of the bonds for the project.

John Steele of 12805 Manhattan Point Boulevard addressed the Council with a copy of his 2023 Proposed Property Tax statement and stated that he is losing \$10,000 in homestead credit because his value is more than \$400,000. Mr. Steele asked what the special assessment was that increased 300%. Mike Lyonais replied that the sheet Mr. Steele was referring to was a new report that the County included with the Proposed Property Tax statements that referenced the entire County, not each property owner. Mr. Lyonais added that the only new assessments in Crosslake were for 3 road projects that were completed over the summer and only the property owners on those roads were assessed.

Karen Frederick of 37689 Moen Beach Trail stated that her market value increased 82% so she lost the homestead credit on her property. The County told Ms. Frederick that the increase was based on nearby property sales.

Mike Lyonais reported that at the end of 2021, the balance on outstanding bonds was \$5,100,000 and at the end of 2022 it is \$8,179,000.

Marcia Seibert-Volz stated that the State regulates how the County determines the market values of properties, but the City Council could help decrease taxes by reducing the budget.

Mayor Nevin asked for any more public comments. No one came forward. MOTION 12SP2-01-22 WAS MADE BY DAVE SCHRUPP AND SECONDED BY AARON HERZOG TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Mike Lyonais gave a recap of the proposed budget. Marcia Seibert-Volz stated that there were unnecessary things in the budget and she wanted it reduced. Aaron Herzog asked where the budget could be cut and added that in order to make a difference to anyone's taxes, the budget would need to decrease by \$1,000,000. Marcia Seibert-Volz stated that the budget includes two fulltime administrative staff, which are not necessary and that the Police Assigned Fund Balance is \$120,000 and questioned why the City should levy more for the Police Department.

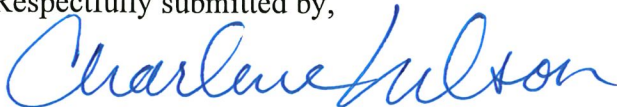
Mike Lyonais stated that the City Council voted to move forward with the staffing proposal. Police Chief Erik Lee asked where Ms. Seibert-Volz would like to cut the Police Department budget. Ms. Seibert-Volz asked Chief Lee what he could cut. Chief Lee replied that what he needs is in the budget. Ms. Seibert-Volz stated that the Police Assigned Fund Balance was \$120,000 last year also and that it is not being used. Mike Lyonais reviewed the replacement schedule of squad cars and noted that each year the City levies extra funds so that two squads can be purchased every fifth year. Ms. Seibert-Volz suggested replacing squads every six years. Chief Lee stated that repair costs will increase.

MOTION 12SP2-02-22 WAS MADE BY JOHN ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO APPROVE THE 2023 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MOTION CARRIED 4-1 WITH SEIBERT-VOLZ OPPOSED.

MOTION 12SP2-03-22 WAS MADE BY JOHN ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 22-39 APPROVING FINAL 2022 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2023. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

There being no further business at 7:10 P.M., MOTION 12SP2-04-22 WAS MADE BY AARON HERZOG AND SECONDED BY DAVE NEVIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 22-39
RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL 2022 TAX LEVY
COLLECTIBLE IN 2023

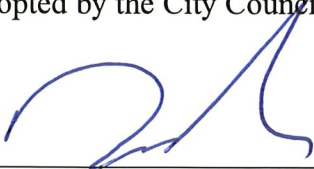
Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Crosslake, County of Crow Wing, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2023, upon taxable property in the City of Crosslake for the following purposes:

General Property Taxes	\$ 3,535,240
2023 Sewer Operating Levy (New)	87,050
EDA	18,100
G.O. Refunding Bonds Series 2012A	222,100
G.O. Sewer Rev. Imp. Bonds Series 2017A	118,713
G.O. Reconstruction Bonds Series 2018A	102,025
G.O. CIP Bonds Series 2019A	308,680
G.O. Equipment Certificates Series 2021A	141,645
G.O. Equipment Certificates Series 2022A	125,768
G.O. Special Assessment Bonds 2022A Roads	40,999
G.O. Sewer Bonds 2022A	135,139

Total Levy	\$ 4,835,459
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The City Administrator/Treasurer is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of Crow Wing County, Minnesota.

Adopted by the City Council on December 12, 2022.



David Nevin
Mayor

Michael R. Lyons
City Administrator/Treasurer