

**Crosslake Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2022**

Attending: Police Chief Erik Lee, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, Council Member Aaron Herzog, Members; Jayme Knapp, Kevin Lee, Curt Mowers, Mathew Karlson

Absent: Mayor Dave Nevin, Chair Bob Heales.

Guest: Parks and Recreation Director TJ Graumann

Meeting called to order 9:05 AM

Approval of October 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Aaron Herzog/Mathew Karlson

All in Favor

- 1) TJ Graumann (Guest) requested the Public Safety Committee review the use of motorized/electrical scooters and bicycles on Crosslake Trails. Discussed research regulating bikes and scooters on pathways – Speed limits on paved trails, Safety. Bicyclists must follow state statutes (169.222), obey all laws and yield to pedestrians. Discussed liability to the city in regards to the possibility of Rental Bikes.

- **Recommendation to council: additional signs placed - stating current bicycle operation statutes. Motion Herzog/Second Mowers – All in Favor**

- 2) Fire Department Mode / Full Time Chief/Fire Marshal/Emergency Manager.
Discussion on current Fire Chief duties. Time and availability. Call volume has increased greatly over the past few years. A lot of administrative duties along with the responsibility of Fire Department Management. Educating the Council and Mayor the current Fire Department Model will help them understand the time commitment not only the Fire Chief has, but the membership as well.

- **Recommendation to council: Form a committee which would include the Public Safety Liaison (Kevin Lee), Council Liaison to the Fire Department (Herzog), State Fire Marshal Division Fire Safety Specialist, MnHIRE Representative, Members of the Fire Department, and the Fire Chief to look at the current Fire Department Model and what best fits the needs of the community and public safety. Motion Lee/Second Karlson – All in Favor**

3) Short Term Rental Discussion

Should try to push discussion and create statutes for the City of Crosslake to have STR's register with the City of Crosslake.

Committee all agree this should be in place for 2023. Many Cities have already adopted statutes regarding STR's.

4) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Speed Limit Signs – Chief Lee working with Pat (Public Works)
- b. Plow Sidewalks
- c. Paint Crosswalks – Spring 2023

5) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Possible 39-unit apartment in Crosslake behind Pine Peaks Lodge
- b. Chief Erik Lee will bring to the Council on Monday December 12, 2022 moving Pat Martin to Full Time Status.
- c. Roundabout at CR3/CR66
All agree on the Counties proposal for a roundabout at the intersection. Safest model for pedestrians and vehicles. Data shows this throughout the world.
Recommend Member Mowers to send a formal letter to Brainerd Lakes Area TZD stating the Crosslake Public Safety Committee supports the Roundabout at CR3/CR66 intersection.
 - **Recommendation to City Council stating the Public Safety Committee supports the single lane Roundabout at the junction of CR3/CR66 – Motion Mowers/Second Knapp – All in Favor**

d. Elected/Senior Officials Training

A few years ago, Crow Wing County Emergency Management had the Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HSEM) conducted Senior/Elected Officials training here in Crow Wing County. These were very popular classes and informative. The purpose of these courses is to introduce senior and elected officials to the important roles they play in emergency management. The responsibility for preparing for, responding to, and recovering from incidents, both natural and manmade, begins at the local level – with individuals and public officials in the county, city, or townships affected by incidents. This is also a great class for Department Heads and Management Staff to attend.

- Training Dates
- Module 1 (January 11th - Roles & Responsibilities)
- Module 2 (February 8th - State & Federal Disaster Assistance)

Classes will be held at the Crow Wing County Land Services Bld. located at 322 Laurel St. Brainerd, MN 56401. Classes are 2 – 2.5 hours in length.

Attendees must RSVP with the link below so that they can have adequate room for everyone.

<https://forms.office.com/g/WZPhK7qx39>

e. Fire Department – International Association of Fire Chiefs – Wildland Urban Interface

- Crosslake Fire Department was selected as one of two Fire Departments in the Country to participate in the WUI Chiefs Guide Mentorship Pilot Program
 - Help Develop Wildland Program
 - Planning
 - Response
 - Mitigation
 - Recovery
 - Work with County EM and all Fire Departments in the county
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ADJOURN 10:39 AM Mowers / Karlson