



CROSSLAKE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Minutes – August 6, 2025 9:00AM

Attendees: Chief Lohmiller, Chief Maier, Bob Heales, Curt Mowers, Rob Kniefel, Robin Sylvester, Aaron Herzog, Jackson Purfeerst

1. Call to Order – 0903
2. Approve Minutes July 2, 2025 – **Motion by Heales, seconded by Maier – MOTION CARRIES**
3. Signage and Painting Along CR 66 Corridor
 - Chief Maier stated he received a request from the mayor to have the curb painted yellow near the crosswalk at CR 66/Daggett Pine Rd. There are two STRs near there that frequently have vehicles parked on the road that limit the line of sight for pedestrians stepping out into the crosswalk. Pat Wehner was asked to add it to his list of curbs to paint. Crosswalk signs have been installed.

Motion to recommend to council to move forward with painting curbs along CR 66 Corridor – **Motion by Herzog, seconded by Lohmiller – MOTION CARRIES**

4. Jumping from Bridges within Crosslake – Proposal for Signage
 - Chief Maier spoke on the ongoing issue of juveniles jumping from bridges into the lake channels. Maier advised there was no state law against it, however, there is a city ordinance that reads ‘no fishing/no jumping from bridges.’ Maier states that officers have been stopping and speaking with jumpers and advising them that jumping is prohibited and to move along. He went on to state that we don’t have a city attorney to prosecute for city ordinances and the county attorney will only prosecute with repeat offenses. An e-mail from County Highway Department states there is no uniform sign that is used. Rob Kniefel stated there are universal signs that can be purchased and placed. Discussion ensued about where to place the signs.

Motion to recommend to council for the purchase and placement of No Jumping signs on both sides of the CR 66 bridge (Cross/Daggett channel) in the city road right of way – **Motion by Sylvester, seconded by Herzog – MOTION CARRIES**

5. Long Term Planning – Public Safety: Fire and Police

- Chief Lohmiller and Chief Maier spoke on the Strategic Growth Committee meeting occurring on August 13th. Councilmember Sandy Farder expressed her desire for Lohmiller and Maier to attend to represent the City. Lohmiller is unavailable to attend. He put together a document about the fire department and emergency management for Sandy. He provided a copy to the group and provided an overview. Lohmiller brought attention to the last page, which discusses the lack of EMS/Ambulance Coverage in the City, since North Memorial launched their new staffing model. Current response time for North to Crosslake is 32-35 minutes. The group expressed their concerns about this and options on how to fix the issue. It was stated there are changes happening in the legislature involving PSAs. Discussion ensued. Mayor Jackson stated he wants to put a letter out on social media about needing dedicated ambulance service back in Crosslake. Rob Kniefel asked for more clarification on the ambulance issue. Lohmiller reiterated that in 2012, the City provided and maintained dedicated quarters for North and paid them \$1000 a month to post there. It was suggested that a model be created about what it would look like to have a Crosslake Ambulance service. Lohmiller states that he as well as the mayor are receiving lots of calls from the community expressing the same concerns over the current issues with North. Ideas were discussed of how to make it work, using the City of Longville as an example. The group agreed to hold off on a motion to council at this time and to continue discussion. Sylvester wanted the minutes to reflect that there was ‘a conversation of concern’ regarding the ambulance service response times.

6. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding

- Robin Sylvester stated that the City of Brainerd passed a resolution to support the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office/ICE MOU. Sylvester said she thinks it is important that as members of the county, the City of Crosslake should do the same. Sylvester read Sheriff Eric Klang's memo

to ICE. She then read the City of Brainerd's resolution. Sylvester offered her recommendation on wording a resolution for the City. The group offered helpful edits.

Motion to recommend to council to pass a resolution supporting the Crow Wing County/ICE MOU – **Motion by Lohmiller, seconded by Mower – MOTION CARRIES**

7. New Business

- Chief Maier stated that Sgt. Tony Marks is working on applying for some grants. He also gave info to the group about the installation and operation of Flock Safety cameras.
- Mayor Purfeerst asked the status of 24-hour coverage with the addition of a 7th officer. Maier stated that was discussed but not decided upon. For officer health and wellness, he prefers the current rotation, with a maximum of 3 hours uncovered.
- Curt Mowers inquired about the accountability for MN Roots with the new THC laws in effect. Maier stated that him and Administrator Conway were working on it.

8. Motion to Adjourn at 0952 – **Motion by Heales, seconded by Mowers**