

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Crosslake, Minnesota
SPECIAL SESSION - April 15, 1985

The City Council of Crosslake, Minnesota met in a special session on April 15, 1985 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor August Mezzenga, Councilmen Robert Allen and Tom Douglas. Absent were Councilmen Orval Nelson and Oliver Yates. There were approximately 6 persons from the community present.

After a delay of approximately 35 minutes to wait for Terry Moberg of Brainerd Ambulance to arrive, Mayor Mezzenga called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

The purpose of this special session was to discuss the future plans for ambulance service in Crosslake and surrounding areas.

Mr. Moberg stated his two items of concern. First was the lack of qualified people. We started with 25 people in 1973 and presently have only 5. State Law says we must have 5, so we need some new recruits immediately. Ideal Firemen have expressed an interest but they are too far away from the ambulance garage. Personnel must come from Crosslake or the immediate area. EMT classes are starting soon and anyone interested should enroll.

The second area of concern for Mr. Moberg is the age of the ambulance vehicle. It can be repainted and used for a few more years but eventually will have to be replaced.

First Response teams were also discussed. EMT training is not essential for this kind of system. A First Response team would essentially just ready the patient for the ambulance crew. Councilman Douglas asked Mr. Moberg the average response time from Brainerd to Crosslake. Mr. Moberg's answer was approximately 21 minutes.

Mayor Mezzenga asked if it was possible to have an ambulance about halfway here, maybe at Merrifield. Mr. Moberg said it would not work because they would need personnel and a garage there.

It was the concensus of those present that a First Response Team was the last resort type answer for the ambulance problem. Police Chief Backdahl was trying to arrange for an article or editorial to be printed in the Country Echo to make the public aware of the problem and thereby stimulate new interest.

MOTION NO. 4S-01-85 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DOUGLAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL SESSION AT 5:30 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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