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The regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Whisler at 7:30 P. M. Councilmen Delmonico, Benson, Arends and Andolshek were present. There were 32 members of the community present.

The order of business was altered to allow a member of the community, Dick Andolshek, who also had a School Board Meeting to attend, to present his request for the city to express to the County Commissioner's Office their opinion on Mr. Andolshek's proposal to move the intersection of Hwy. 3 & CSAH #6 a little south to give additional parking for the business area. On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Benson, that the City Clerk be instructed to write a letter stating that the city has no objection to Mr. Dick Andolshek's proposal as described above in order to increase the parking facilities for his business establishments. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Andolshek and seconded by Benson that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 1980 be approved as submitted. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Arends and seconded by Andolshek that the Treasurer's report be approved as submitted. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Andolshek that the Telephone Company's financial report be approved as submitted. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

Gary Fread, Manager of the Telephone Company introduced Mr. Thomas Farmer, CPA of Olsen, Thielen & Co., Ltd., auditors for the Telephone Company. Mr. Farmer reviewed the audit and was asked by Mayor Whisler to explain to the council and the audience the reason for the large increase in the toll cost adjustments which added substantially to the income for the Telephone Company for 1979. He also gave us a brief and interesting statement of the financial highlights of the company for the past four years.

A letter from the John Callender family of Crosslake was read by Mayor Whisler expressing their thanks and gratitude for all the help they received during their recent tragedy and submitting two checks, one to the Part-Time Officers' Ass'n. and one to the Volunteer Firemen's Assn. Mayor Whisler presented these checks to the respective organizations.

Mr. Larry Olson of Fifty Lakes appeared to say that he has a prospect interested in building a clinic on his property on Hwy. #3 behind Crosslake Store on the other side of Hwy. #3. He asked if the city would be willing to put out a questionnaire to the surrounding territory which is now being prepared by the clinic. Mr. Delmonico, Gary Fread of the Telephone Company and Jan Laughlin, Clerk-Treasurer were asked to serve as the city's liasons by Mayor Whisler in this matter. Jan was instructed by the mayor to write a letter to the clinic expressing our interest in their locating here.

In regard to a request from the Land Commissioner's Office for a re-classification of land now being held in Conservation, a motion was made by Benson and seconded by Arends that this request be turned over to the

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Planning and Zoning Commission for their recommendation to the Council. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried with Mayor Whisler abstaining as a nephew's name was on the request.

After a discussion with the City Clerk as to whether the city should have a policy on the "Errors and Omissions of Public Officials" a motion was made by Benson and seconded by Delmonico that the mayor be empowered to make the decision on what type of policy and what cost for the above mentioned coverage. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried. The clerk will renew the other policies due on April 1, 1980 as presented to the council.

Delmonico, Telephone Company Liason deferred his announcement in regard to the Telephone Company to Andolshek, former Telephone Company Liason. Andolshek gave a brief history of the Telephone Company and announced that based on the company's earnings for 1979, Gary Fread, Manager and the Telephone Company's Commission received REA approval to declare a \$5,000. dividend to the city of Crosslake. The distribution to be allowed after reserve requirements are established. It is anticipated that distribution will be available in December of 1980.

Delmonico stated that after talking to some knowledgeable people and doing some research on Cable TV, that he felt that a feasibility study on CATV might be wise. If we should be approached by a party or parties desiring a franchise from the city, this would be the only way of arriving^{at} just price for this franchise. The city would want the assurance from the Telephone Company that, if the study is positive and CATV is feasible, the question would go on a referendum vote, as to whether or not, it would be utilized in the city of Crosslake, possibly on the November ballot. On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Andolshek that the council permit the Telephone Company to spend approximately \$3,000. on this feasibility study on CATV. Whisler, Delmonico, Andolshek and Benson voting, "AYE"; Arends voting, "NAY", the motion carried. Whisler explained that his vote was cast, "AYE", this time because he was not in favor of any kind of government owning anything that private ownership could handle. When it was explained that this was the only way we could estimate a fair franchise price he decided a study would be worthwhile.

Benson announced that he had talked with County Engineer, Duane Blanck and that CSAH #6 construction is all going according to schedule. Completion date is September 15, and this is likely to be met. The bridge will be a temporary bridge for the entire summer.

Benson stated that there is a possibility of State Funding for the Bike Path. The clerk has two unopened bids which she will hold until a later date on this project. We have requested bids for grading from two local contractors for road grading on city roads for this year.

Thomas Ventger of RCM Engineering, called in by Benson as instructed at our last council meeting, presented his proposal to conduct a road study. His firm would draw up a map showing all roads, developed or not, of the city and the existing conditions of the roads. From the map they would make a list of the roads needing consideration on a priority basis in conjunction with the city council. Costs of repairs

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would be based on present day prices and we would make our own projections for inflation depending on the year the work was scheduled to be accomplished. This study would be a five-year plan. The study would be conducted for approximately \$2,000. Further services, if needed, would be on a percentage basis. The city will decide at the next meeting if they will use this service. Don Coulter, a member of the audience expressed his opinion that he felt the city would be out of order to spend money on a study of this kind unless we were prepared to spend money on new roads.

Mary Jane Johnson, a member of the audience stated that CSAH #6 is in need of grading and asked whose responsibility this is. Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Duane Blanck as this is up to the county.

A discussion was held on putting spring road restrictions on roads. Benson was instructed to check procedure used in the past.

Delmonico expressed the opinion that the police cars now have approximately 60,000 and 76,000 mileage on them and that as long as we can take \$3,000. out of the Cemetery Fund that he was definitely in favor of purchasing a car at this time to take advantage of the good prices at the auction. Chief Backdahl, when asked by Benson if he thought he could make up the balance out of the police budget, replied that he could not promise but he certainly would try.

On a motion by Andolshek and seconded by Arends that we transfer \$3,000. from the Cemetery Fund to the General Fund. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried. Clerk had found by searching the minutes that the \$3,000. had been taken from the General Fund in 1968 and could find no restrictions on this.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends that the Chief be authorized to attend the auction with the possibility of purchasing a police car for an expenditure up to \$4,000. All voting, "AYE", motion carried.

On a motion by Andolshek and seconded by Benson that the ambulance crew who attended the EMT training and test be reimbursed for their mileage in the amount of \$210.25 (check to be made to Bob Garin to be divided accordingly). All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried. Andolshek expressed her gratitude on behalf of the city for the help of the ambulance crew, police and firemen in the recent snowmobile accident.

A discussion was held of the responsibility of marking the channels for snowmobiles. It was stated that the city could not take on this job because of the liability and that it probably is the corps of engineers who should have this responsibility. The city would be willing to write letters expressing their desire that something be done about this problem to various agencies.

Delmonico was given permission to explore the possibility of an OJT training program for Bonny Parks.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Andolshek that we grant the Hockey Association the necessary land on the west side of the warming house so that they can construct their new rink. All members voting, "AYE",

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the motion carried. The cost of this new rink will be paid by the Hockey Association except for the use of the warming house.

Delmonico to do the posting^{of} signs on the Nature Trail Park.

On a motion by Arends and seconded by Delmonico that the city accept the plat of Enbee Estates as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission but not to be signed for acceptance until all roads are put in and accepted. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Arends and seconded by Andolshek that Jim Gallaway be issued a permit for a sawmill and shed to cover sawmill on industrial area off Fawn Lake Road and permit to build a 26 x 30 home on this 16 acre property as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

On a motion by Arends and seconded by Andolshek to allow Crosslake Lumber Company to build a security fence around their property as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried. No permit is required as there is nothing in the Ordinance to cover fences.

On a motion by Arends and seconded by Andolshek that the council approve the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission that the Wm. Denny deck be allowed to remain due to his disability and that he be instructed to pay \$100. penalty for building without a permit, plus the permit fee, plus the variance fee, and that he be ordered to remove all plumbing fixtures in the garage and cement up all drains as he only was issued a garage permit. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.


On the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission a motion was made by Arends and seconded by Delmonico that all contractors doing sewer work in the City of Crosslake must purchase a license for \$25.00 per year or \$10. on a one-time-only basis unless they already have a valid license from Crow Wing County. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

Andolshek reported that the two churches in Crosslake have agreed to act as sponsors for the HUD-202 application for the project for the housing of the elderly and handicapped. The next step is to advertise to get people to show interest in this project and will be done as soon as possible.

Delmonico announced that Ing Lien, a former commission member of Planning and Zoning, passed away in Florida and that burial will be in Minneapolis at Lakewood Cemetery on Friday, March 14th.

On a motion by Benson and seconded by Andolshek that the meeting be adjourned. All members voting, "AYE", the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Jan Laughlin, Clerk-Treasurer