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Mayor Fogelberg called to order a special meeting of the Crosslake City Council at 7:30 P.M. on May 16, 1977, in the City Hall. Present were Councilmen Olson, Andolshek, Arends, Benson, Clerk Whisler and twenty members of the community. The primary purpose of the meeting was to try to arrive at a solution to the current ambulance problem.

Mayor Fogelberg asked Mr. Hildor Foss, chairman of the Ambulance Committee, if he had anything further to report. Mr. Foss had nothing further.

Mrs. John Heinel approached the Council stating that she had a complaint about an easement to Cross Lake. The Mayor ruled this was not the proper time, as the main purpose of the meeting was to attempt to solve the ambulance problem. It was decided to deal with Mrs. Heinel's complaint after the matter of the ambulance had been settled.

Council members Andolshek and Benson gave their reports of having contacted the ambulance volunteers to see what their sentiments were as to the future of ambulance service in Crosslake. Andolshek stated that of the five she had contacted, three had indicated they did not want to work with anyone other than Mr. Moberg of Brainerd Ambulance Service. Benson stated that those he had contacted were split about 50-50.

Councilman Andolshek told of the remarkable work the Crosslake ambulance crew had done at the scene of a recent accident.

Councilman Benson spoke of the possibility of a 6-month agreement with Mr. Moberg.

Mr. Foss reported he had heard Manhattan Beach and Fifty Lakes were inclined to go with a joint powers agreement which would be a coalition of surrounding communities.

Mr. Moberg stated that if Crosslake stayed with Brainerd Ambulance Service he doubted if Manhattan Beach and Fifty Lakes would go with the joint powers agreement.

Mr. Foss said that, in his personal opinion, Crosslake would be making a mistake if they did not join with the surrounding communities. He further stated he believed there would be a shortage of drivers no matter which option Crosslake chose.

Councilman Arends suggested the possibility of an ambulance association of some sort in which citizens of the community would contribute so much per year for ambulance protection.

Andolshek made a motion that the City stay with Moberg for another six months.

The question arose as to why the ambulance workers, admittedly dedicated, would not choose to go with any system other than Mr. Moberg's.

Councilman Andolshek said that she believed this was because the workers had been trained by Mr. Moberg, that there was close cooperation between the two elements, and that they believed they had a good thing going.

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Mr. Foss made the statement that whatever decision the Council made he would assume the work of his committee was through. He also asked that a member of the Council notify Manhattan Beach and 50 Lakes in the event Crosslake decided not to sign with the joint powers agreement.

Councilman Olson remarked that the Council had appointed the Ambulance Committee and that he thought the Council should have more faith in the judgment of the Committee, and should abide by their recommendations.

Councilman Benson asked Mr. Moberg if he would agree to a 6-month contract with the City for ambulance protection at a rate of \$300 per month. Moberg suggested a \$350 monthly fee.

Benson then made a motion that a 6-month agreement at \$350 per month be entered into with Mr. Moberg. This would include the cost of vehicle, driver and standby assistants. Andolshek seconded the motion. All members voted "AYE", except Councilman Olson who abstained. Motion carried. Benson asked Mr. Moberg if it were necessary to draw up a written agreement. Neither Moberg or Benson thought this necessary. The Clerk was instructed to provide Mr. Moberg with an excerpt of the minutes in which the provisions of the agreement were stated.


Robert Garin, an ambulance volunteer worker, suggested that if another ambulance committee were to be appointed it should include two or three members of the ambulance crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Heinel again approached the Council complaining about the condition of the easement to Cross Lake near Park Street. Councilman Arends agreed to see that the area was cleaned up, despite the fact that the DNR actually owned the piece of property involved.

Benson, because the City had selected a different option for ambulance service, moved the Council rescind their previous action to advertise for an ambulance and driver. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Original action rescinded.

Arends sought to introduce an Ordinance forbidding trespassing on private property and making it a misdemeanor punishable by a \$300 fine or ninety days in jail, or both. Benson suggested the Clerk contact the League of Minnesota Cities and get their recommendations on such an Ordinance. Arends agreed to this. The Clerk was to report back to the Council with his findings.

Fogelberg moved the meeting be adjourned. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.


Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk