

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Robert W. Johnson
Harold J. Dahl
Robert Ford
Ross Kunkel
Marvin Rau

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Member
Ex-Officio Member
Ex-Officio Member

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO)
CONSOLIDATE THE VILLAGE OF CROSSLAKE)
WITH THE VILLAGE OF NORTH CROSSLAKE)
TO FORM A SINGLE MUNICIPALITY)
FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,
AND ORDER

A Joint Resolution of the Villages of Crosslake and North Crosslake, Crow Wing County, Minnesota requesting consolidation into a single new municipality were duly filed with the Secretary of the Minnesota Municipal Commission on the 18th day of May, 1972. The Commission set the matter for hearing on the 17th day of August, 1972, at the Crosslake Game and Fish Club in Crosslake, Minnesota. The Commission caused notice of the time and place of said hearing to be given pursuant to law.

The hearing was convened at the time and place fixed in said notice. Commissioners Johnson and Ford and Ex-Officio Members, Kunkel and Rau were present.

The Villages of Crosslake and North Crosslake appeared by and through their village clerks, Mr. R. E. Schalow and Doris Schafer. There were no other appearances. All persons desiring to be heard were heard.

Evidence was then and there offered and received in support of the proposed consolidation, no witnesses spoke in opposition to the consolidation.

After due and careful consideration of all the evidence so received, together with all records, files and proceedings had and taken herein, and being duly advised in the premises, the Minnesota Municipal Commission now makes and files the following as and for its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That on May 18, 1972, the Minnesota Municipal Commission received a duly enacted joint resolution of the Villages of Crosslake and North Crosslake. That said resolutions fulfilled the statutory requirements for initiation of a proceeding to consolidate two municipalities.

2. That upon receipt of the above described resolutions the Secretary of the Minnesota Municipal Commission designated a time and place for a public hearing on the proposition therein stated. That the Secretary caused proper notice of said hearing to be published and mailed. That a hearing was held until all parties and interested persons were heard before a quorum of the Minnesota Municipal Commission.

3. That the Village of Crosslake and the Village of North Crosslake abut, and that the degree of contiguity is sufficient to allow for the provision of efficient and economical municipal services by the consolidated village herein requested.

4. That the population as of the 1970 Census was as follows:

Crosslake	358
North Crosslake	362

5. That the approximate population as of September 1, 1972 was as follows:

Crosslake	358
North Crosslake	536

6. That the bonded indebtedness of the villages is:

North Crosslake	\$28,000
Crosslake	None

7. That the assessed valuation of the two villages is:

North Crosslake	\$1,145,626
Crosslake	\$ 570,224

8. That the mill rates of the two villages are:

North Crosslake	6.64
Crosslake	5.74

9. That both villages are presently primarily residential vacation areas with only limited commercially zoned areas located within their boundaries. Fire protection is provided for both villages by a department owned by North Crosslake with contracted coverage to Crosslake. Police protection is provided by one police department with costs shared by both villages. Both villages have identical contracts with the same person for road maintenance and repair.

10. That the two Petitioners are presently cooperating together as follows:

- a. In a joint village planning community and coordinator,
- b. In a common building and zoning ordinance jointly administered,
- c. In a uniform traffic ordinance,
- d. In other uniform ordinances.

11. The two villages have a history of cooperation with each other and surrounding communities.

12. That the terrain of the two villages are similar consisting of lakes, streams, and forest land. Both villages have extensive shoreline on the Whitefish Lake chain.

13. The proposed consolidation will not have an undue adverse effect on adjacent communities or school districts.

14. Both communities face potential problems of environmental pollution which could be more easily solved by all citizens sharing in the costs.

15. That the proposed consolidation will effect a saving in governmental costs.

16. That both villages agree that the name of the proposed consolidated village should be Crosslake.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That a proceeding before the Minnesota Municipal Commission for the consolidation of the Village of Crosslake with the Village of North Crosslake was properly initiated, and pursuant to such initiation a hearing was properly held.

2. That all of the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 414 have been met, the Minnesota Municipal Commission has jurisdiction over the proposed consolidation.

3. That consolidation of the Villages of Crosslake and North Crosslake will be in their best interest. That said consolidation will not have an undue adverse effect on other adjacent municipalities.

4. That the name of the consolidated village should be Crosslake.

5. That the Minnesota Municipal Commission should establish in accordance with the Findings of Fact herein the population of the new Village of Crosslake for all purposes.

6. That the Order of the Minnesota Municipal Commission should provide for approval and adoption of the order herein by resolution of the councils of the Villages of Crosslake and North Crosslake, and pursuant to such approval and adoption, for an election on the question in each village; and for the election of new officers.

7. That the new Village of Crosslake herein created shall be a village and that the plan of government shall be Optional Plan A.

8. That the ordinances of each village shall continue in effect within the former boundaries of the villages until repealed by the governing body of the new village.

9. That the number of license privileges existing pursuant to State law in the two included villages before the consolidation shall not be diminished as a result of the consolidation.

10. That an Order for such consolidation should be entered and filed accordingly.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the Village of Crosslake and the Village of North Crosslake shall be consolidated to form a single new village.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the name of the new village herein created shall be Crosslake.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the plan of government of the new Village of Crosslake herein created shall be Optional Plan A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the ordinances of each consolidating village shall continue in effect within the former boundaries of said village, until repealed by the governing body of the new Village of Crosslake.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the population for all purposes of the new Village of Crosslake herein created shall be 894 persons until the 1980 Federal Census.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the Secretary cause copies of this Order to be transmitted to the Village Councils of the Villages of Crosslake and North Crosslake for their approval and adoption.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That a special election shall be held on the question of the consolidation of the Villages of Crosslake and North Crosslake on October 3, 1972; That the Village Councils shall conduct the special election in accordance with law; That the ballots shall contain the words:

Shall the consolidation of the Village of
Crosslake and North Crosslake be approved?

_____Yes

_____No

That the election judges shall verify and transmit certificates to the Secretary of the Municipal Commission declaring the time and place of the election, that they have canvassed the ballots cast, and the number of "yes" and "no" votes cast.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the first election of officers in the new village shall be held on the 7th day of November, 1972; that the polling places for the first election of village officers shall be the Watertown Telephone Building, North Crosslake and the Crosslake Village Hall, Crosslake; that Doris Schafer shall be the acting clerk for election purposes and she shall conduct the election in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, 1971, Section 414.09, Subdivision 3; that the election judges for the first election of village officers shall be:

Al Kaun
Roland Day
Maurice Chenevert
Thelma Sorenson
Ordell Buntje
Norma Kouba
Dorothy Schiltz

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the first meeting of the Village of Crosslake Council shall be held not less than ten (10) days after the aforesaid election date nor more than twenty (20) days thereafter unless there shall be an election contest, in which sole event such first meeting of the Council shall be no later than ten (10) days after the final judicial determination of such contest.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the Secretary of the Minnesota Municipal Commission shall cause copies of this Order to be mailed and filed as provided by law.

Dated this 12th day of September, 1972

MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard L. Kaibel, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Howard L. Kaibel, Jr.
Executive Secretary