

The Crosswell City Council met in Regular Session January 5, 2009, at the William Aitkin Memorial Library, 111 N. Howard Ave., Crosswell, MI. Mayor Macklem called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: G. Macklem, M. Willis, M. O=Vell, M. McMillan, J. Geiger  
Administration: City Administrator Dave Tait, City Clerk Suzanne Dobson  
Guests: Jeffersonian Reporter Margaret Whitmer

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**Approval of Minutes** from the Regular Council Meeting of December 15, 2008

O=Vell moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2008 as presented, second by Willis.  
Motion Carried.

**Public Comments:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Willis moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by McMillan. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

a. Building Code Enforcement Evaluation Report: The City Building Code rating is a 3, which is a good score. Receive and file.

VI **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- Bob Duff back to work from FMLA leave - the City has a 12 month reverse-rolling family leave.
- Received opinion from Attorney regarding utilities placed on the tax roll.
- Electric Rate meeting - January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

VII **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**

- A. Macklem: 1. Budget meetings? Ans: After electric rate meeting; 2. Status of house on Mills St. with the Junk? Ans: Will check with Police Chief; 3. Estimate for Council Chambers; 4. Jeff Dawson Employment Agreement; Ans: Will be on the January 19<sup>th</sup> agenda; 5. Passed out form for the City Administrator evaluation, which is due by January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Willis: 1. Potholes on N. Howard; 2. City Office being in charge of website.
- C. O=Vell: Approached by resident for research on city businesses being non-smoking.
- D. McMillan: Electronic payments for bills.
- E. Geiger: No report

VIII **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

IX **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Property Tax Poverty Exemption - Resolution:

McMillan moved to adopt Resolution #01-05-2009 authorizing the Board of Review to grant poverty exemptions or partial exemptions in appropriate circumstances, second by Willis.

Roll Call Vote: McMillan, yes; Willis, yes; Geiger, yes; O=Vell, yes; Macklem, yes. 5 yeas, 0 nays.  
Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION #01-05-2009  
PROPERTY TAX POVERTY EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, Public Act 390 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1994 authorizes the Board of Review to grant poverty exemptions or partial exemptions in appropriate circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Croswell City Council wishes to establish a uniform and fair policy for the consideration of such requests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Croswell City Council hereby adopts the following policy to be utilized by the Board of Review when evaluating poverty exemption requests:

All requests for poverty exemptions or partial exemptions shall be applied for in writing on the form provided by the City (Attachment A). No request shall be considered unless all required information is properly filled out and presented to the Board of Review. The Board of Review shall require documentation to prove claims made on an application.

An application for a poverty exemption or a partial exemption for property taxes shall be filed after January 1, and prior to the last day of the Board of Review meetings in March. Any exemption reduction shall be granted only for the year in which application is made.

Poverty exemptions or partial exemptions shall only be considered for principal residence property or qualified agricultural property as defined in Attachment B. No other types of property shall be eligible for consideration.

An exemption or partial exemption due to poverty shall not be granted unless the total household income of all members of the household is less than the current year Federal Poverty Income Standards for a household of equivalent size.

Size of Family/ Household	Maximum Total Income
1	\$10,400.00
2	\$14,000.00
3	\$17,600.00
4	\$21,200.00
5	\$24,800.00
6	\$28,400.00
7	\$32,000.00
8	\$35,600.00
Additional Person	\$3,600.00

All applicants must provide to the Board of Review copies of Federal and State income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year and in the current year.

Prior to granting any poverty exemptions, the Board of Review shall take into consideration the potential refund to the property owner of the Michigan Homestead Tax Credit on property taxes in excess of 3-1/2% (three and one-half percent) of household income.

In granting a property tax exemption for poverty reasons, the Board of Review shall have the power to grant an exemption for the entire tax assessment or for a portion of the assessment.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Suzanne Dobson, City Clerk of Croswell, do hereby certify that Resolution #01-05-2009 was adopted by the City of Croswell at a Regular meeting of the City of Croswell Council held at the Wm. Aitkin Memorial Library on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

Vote on this Resolution, 5 members being present was as follows:

AYES: McMillan, Willis, Geiger, O=Vell, Macklem

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Suzanne M. Dobson, CMC  
Crosswell City Clerk

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Gary Macklem, Mayor

b. EMS Service Contract: Crosswell EMS Service Contract for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 for the amount of \$30,747.

McMillan moved to approve the EMS Service contract of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 for the amount of \$30,747, second by O=Vell.

Roll Call Vote: McMillan, yes; O=Vell, yes; Willis, yes; Geiger, yes; Macklem, yes. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

X **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

XI **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

O=Vell moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$375,724.86 and the bills be paid, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

XII **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mayor Macklem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Suzanne Dobson, CMC  
Crosswell City Clerk

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Gary Macklem, Mayor