

The Crosswell City Council met in Regular Session March 2, 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: Mary Lou Stocker, Cross-Lex School Superintendent Kevin Miller, Paul Nehmer, Richard Bales, Jeffersonian Reporter Margret Whitmer, SEA Director Jim Rutkowski, Clear Ideas, Eric Erbe, Marlene Sepsey

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- II. **Approval of Minutes** from the Regular Council Meeting of February 17, 2009.  
O'Vell moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2009 as presented, second by Geiger. Motion Carried.

III. **Public Comments:**

Mary Lou Stocker – Does not want the recycling. Ans: Everyone has to take the recycling. The city has heard about 50/50 for/against the recycling.

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

V. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. DTE Energy – Public Hearing – Renewable Energy Plan: Receive and file.
- b. Eagle Scout – Jacob R. Wilson: Clerk will draw up a proclamation. A member will attend the ceremony.

VI. **CROSWELL-LEXINGTON SCHOOL – SUPERINTENDENT MILLER – SCHOOL BOND PROPOSALS:**

Crosswell-Lexington School Superintendent Kevin Miller gave a presentation regarding the May 5, 2009 School Election.

- Operating renewal of 18 mills – not on homes or farms
- Bond extension of 2.8 mills – will not increase taxes one cent; immediately gives district \$15.4 million – money can only be used for construction and renovations
- Reviewed proposed renovations

Council supports the two bond proposals that will be presented at the May 5, 2009 school election.

VII. **SWOT:**

Jim Rutkowski, Director of Sanilac Economic Alliance presented a local company, Clear Ideas Inc., to have a discussion of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT). All the information gathered will be compiled and presented at a later date to city council.

VIII. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- Dept. of Transportation – Cass City meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>
- USDA Grant Opportunities meeting march 16<sup>th</sup>
- Sanilac Sheriff – Survey for Inmate crews
- Status of blight at 131 Mills St.
- Treasurer will be having visits from companies presenting deferred comp.
- Council Chambers is an estimate and will be discussed at the budget meeting.

IX. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**

- A. Macklem: No report
- B. Willis: No report
- C. O=Vell: No report
- D. McMillan: No report
- E. Geiger: No report

X. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. City Administrator Evaluation: City Administrator has requested his evaluation be discussed in closed session.

XI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Pickup Truck Bids: Received 3 bids
  - Tubbs Brothers, Sandusky, MI - \$23,462.00
  - Dave Hall Chevrolet, Marlette, MI - \$25,340.00
  - Bricker Motor Sales, Crosswell, MI - \$29,899.00

Vehicle to be replaced is 8 years old. This would have a snow plow to assist the D.P.W.

Council expressed their concern that this was not the time to be purchasing equipment. The money will be there if needed at a later date.

McMillan moved to reject all Pick up Truck bids, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

- b. Snow Plow Bids: Received 3 bids.
  - Auto Stylers & RV, Marysville, MI - \$5,336.00
  - Jones Equipment Rental, Fort Gratiot, MI - \$5,434.72
  - Wolverine Lawn Care, Sandusky, MI - \$5,533.00

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O’Vell moved to reject all Snow Plow bids, second by McMillan. Motion Carried.

- c. Marlene Sepsey, 120 Anderson – Lawn mowing bill: DPW did mow the back lawn at 120 Anderson. Police Dept. were unable to find the record of notification to the homeowner.

O’Vell moved to void the \$100 mowing bill for 120 Anderson, second by McMillan. Motion Carried.

- d. Garbage/Recycling Rates – Resolution:

Geiger moved to adopt Resolution #03-20-2009 adopting the fees for the collection of garbage, rubbish and recycling, second by McMillan.

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

RESOLUTION  
#03-02-2009

Geiger moved and McMillan seconded a motion that a Resolution be passed as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Croswell Council adopted an Ordinance to regulate and establish fees for the collection of garbage and rubbish, being Ordinance Number 289, on March 2, 1998.

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Ordinance the City of Croswell Council has voted to amend said fees established by Resolution #02-17-04.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the rates for garbage, rubbish and recycling collection is established as follows:

\$11.66 per month per residential unit for three years beginning April 1, 2009;  
\$12.61 per month per residential unit for two year beginning April 1, 2012

CERTIFICATION

I, Suzanne Dobson, Clerk of Croswell, do hereby certify that Resolution #03-02-2009 was adopted by the City of Croswell at a Regular meeting of the City of Croswell Council held at the William Aitkin Memorial Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2009.

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

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

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

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Suzanne Dobson, CMC  
City Clerk

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Gary Macklem, Mayor

e. Union Negotiation Committee:

Mayor Macklem appointed McMillan and O’Vell to the Union Negotiation Committee.

XII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Paul Nehmer – has the DPW found a paving unit for the D.D.A. to purchase? Ans: Still looking.

XIII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

O’Vell moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$128,230.56 and the bills to be paid, second by McMillan. Motion Carried.

XIV **CLOSED SESSION – CITY ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION:**

Willis moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the City Administrator Evaluation at 9:31 p.m.

O’Vell moved to adjourn from Closed Session at 10:00 p.m.

City Administrator will be evaluated in July, 2009.

XV **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mayor Macklem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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Suzanne Dobson, CMC  
City Clerk

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Gary Macklem, Mayor