

The Crosswell City Council met in Regular Session March 16, 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: Katrina Allen, Ron Walters, Jennifer Walters

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- II. **Approval of Minutes** from the Regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2009
Geiger moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2009 as presented, second by O'Vell.
Motion Carried.

III. **Public Comments:**

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Add under New Business item c. Cros-Lex Power Lifting Solicitation.

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

V. **TIM HARDESTY – HDC – HOME PURCHASE REHAB:**

No action. Tim Hardesty was not present.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Parks & Recreation minutes – 2/23/09: Receive and file.
- b. SEMCO Energy – Energy Optimization Plan: Receive and file.
- c. TIFA minutes – 3/4/09: Receive and file.

VII. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- Grass Policy – working with the Attorney
- USDA meeting attended today
- Blight at 131 Mills is closed
- Swinging Bridge repairs still working with insurance

VIII. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**

- A. Macklem: 1. Ordinance on rental inspections. Ans: Working with Barb Cutcher
2. Check with MML on the number of people allowed in a household.
- B. Willis: No report
- C. O=Vell: No report
- D. McMillan: No report
- E. Geiger: 1. Waste Management on city dumpsters. Ans: they did not include in new contract. 2. When does recycling start. Ans: Waste Management will pass out the dumpsters with a flyer.

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

X. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Road Closure for Car Show:** Request to a part of Maple St. closed on May 9th during the Library hosting of the Ford Model T, would like to have a car show on that day.

O’Vell moved to approve the partial closing of Maple St. on May 9th, the Library to contact the Police Dept., second by Willis. **Motion Carried.**

- b. **Resolution – supporting School Election:**

O’Vell moved to adopt Resolution #03-16-09 Re-affirming the City’s Support for the Crosswell-Lexington School Renewal Operating Millage and Bond Extension, second by McMillan.

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

RESOLUTION #03-16-2009

REAFFIRMING THE CITY’S SUPPORT
FOR THE
CROSWELL-LEXINGTON SCHOOL
RENEWAL OPERATING MILLAGE
AND
BOND EXTENSION

O’Vell moved and McMillan seconded a motion that a Resolution is passed as follows:

WHEREAS, when local schools are strong, they create more durable connections between young people and their hometowns, producing a next generation of citizens who will be more productive and better equipped to meet the challenges of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, providing high-quality education improves community life and social cohesion, attracts and retains families, helps develop a skilled workforce, foster economic growth, attracts new jobs and stabilized real estate values; and

WHEREAS, city and school official clearly agree that the fortunes of our cities and our schools are closely linked; and

WHEREAS, if cities and school districts are serious about making lasting and positive change, they must find new ways to work together and recommit themselves to supporting efforts that boost student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Renewal of 18 mills (Non-homestead) not on homes or farms, is no increase for any taxpayer, is needed to operate schools; and

WHEREAS, Bond Extension will extend a current debt of 2.8 mills, will not increase taxes one cent and immediately gives the Croswell-Lexington School District approximately \$15.4 million to be used for construction and renovations only; and

WHEREAS, the Federal stimulus package is designed to put people to work, this is our local stimulus package, the construction and renovations of the High School, Middle School, Meyer and Frostick Schools will put local people to work, jobs will be broken down into smaller increments for local bidders; and

WHEREAS, City Council consensus is to support the Operating Renewal Millage and Bond Extension for these projects of the Croswell-Lexington School District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Croswell City Council recognizes the need for the expansion and renovation of the Croswell-Lexington High School, Middle School, Meyer and Frostick Schools and the School District’s responsibility, obligation and authority to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council supports the recommendations of the 26-member Strategic Planning Committee and hereby reaffirms its support for the expansion of the existing Croswell-Lexington High School at its current site and the renovations of the Middle School, Meyer and Frostick Schools.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Council supports the Croswell-Lexington School District’s attempt to finance the expansion and renovations of the High School, Middle School, Meyer and Frostick Schools through the renewal of 18 mills and extension of a current debt of 2.8 mills.

Moved by O’Vell, seconded by McMillan for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution #03-16-2009 thereupon adopted on this 16th day of March, 2009.

CERTIFICATION

I, SUZANNE DOBSON, City Clerk of Croswell, do hereby certify that Resolution #03-16-2009 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 16th day of March, 2009.

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

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

NAYS: _____

Gary Macklem, Mayor

Suzanne Dobson, CMC
City Clerk

- c. Cros-Lex Power lifting Solicitation: Request by the Cros-Lex High School Power lifting team to stand on the street corners on March 28th to solicit fund for students to compete at Nationals in Kelleen, Texas. They will be leaving on April 2nd.

McMillan moved to approve for the Cros-Lex High School Power lifting team to solicit funds on the streets corners, as long as an adult is present at all times, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

XI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

XII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

McMillan moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$247,386.49 and the bills be paid, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

XIII. **CLOSED SESSION – UNION NEGOTIATIONS:**

O’Vell moved to go into Closed Session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss Union Negotiations, second by McMillan.

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

O’Vell moved to adjourn from the Closed Session at 9:12 p.m., second by Willis. Motion Carried.

April 20th meeting have a closed session for union negotiations.

XIV. **2009/2010 BUDGET WORK SESSION:**

Supervisors will be meeting with City Administrator the week of March 23rd with their wish list.

Discussion of an Ambulance. Move the \$50,000 into reserve at the end of the year and then budget for the new ambulance in 2009/2010 fiscal year.

Police car has been ordered. Funds are in current budget and reserve account.

XV. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mayor Macklem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Gary Macklem, Mayor

Suzanne Dobson, CMC
City Clerk