

The Crosswell City Council met in Regular Session January 18, 2010, at the William Aitkin Memorial Library, 111 N. Howard Ave., Crosswell, MI. Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: M. McMillan, J. Geiger, L. Krawczyk, R. Butler

Absent: M. Willis

Administration: City Administrator Dave Tait, City Clerk Suzanne Dobson

Guests: Jeffersonian Reporter Margaret Whitmer, County Commissioner Judy VanSickle, Elwyn Neaves Jr., Lola Vollink

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the Regular Council Meeting of January 4, 2010
Butler moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2010 as presented, second by Krawczyk. Motion Carried.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
Elwyn Neaves Jr. – Snow Ordinance keeping sidewalks clean, residential and business. All of the city vehicles do not decals.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Geiger moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Butler. Motion Carried.
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
None
- VI. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**
 - Snow Removal notice has been published
 - Cell Phones – still with Thumb Cellular plan modified.
 - Evasive species – MSU extension office.
 - Election deadline for charter revisions
 - Census Information
 - Board of Review training classes
 - HB 4801 – inspection of mobile home rentals
 - 2 Trucks for sale – bids due January 28th
 - Dumpster bids due January 28th
 - Softball signs ordered, called for update. State closed today
- VII. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**
 - A. McMillan: 1. Charter revisions on next agenda; 2. Budget meetings at the end of the regular meetings.
 - B. Willis: Absent
 - C. Geiger: Snow removal of unoccupied houses.
 - D. Krawczyk: Excavator on the corner
 - E. Butler: No report

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Lola Vollink, 135 Mills St. – water usage: Lola Vollink was present to dispute her high water usage. We find no leaks, the usage went from 2 to 15 back to 2 and nothing was repaired.

It was suggested to Mrs. Vollink to insert die in the back of the toilet that may be her problem, since it is a bathroom that is not used.

Butler moved to give a one time sewer credit at 135 Mills St. of 7 units, second by Krawczyk. Motion Carried.

- b. ORV Legislation: County Commission Judy VanSickle spoke regarding House Bill 4507 regarding ORV's on public roads. There will be discussion at the County Commissioners Finance meeting on January 19 at 3:30 p.m. Just looking for the feelings of Croswell Council. If the County passes a resolution regarding the ORV's the City can opt out with a resolution. If the County does not pass a resolution the City can pass one of their own, but the Road Commission can say no to a certain percent of the county roads.
- c. Capital Conference – April 13-14, 2010: Any Council Member wanting to attend notify the City Clerk.
- d. Board of Review Appointment: Geiger moved to appoint Barbara Wort to the Board of Review, term expiring February 2013, second by Butler. Motion Carried.
- e. Mary Willis – Cannery Apts. – Landlords & Shutoffs: Geiger moved to table until the February 1, 2010 meeting, second by Butler. Motion Carried.
- f. Property Tax Poverty Exemption – Resolution: Geiger moved to adopt resolution #01-18-2010 Property Tax Poverty Exemption, second by Krawczyk.

Roll Call Vote: Geiger, yes; Krawczyk, yes; Butler, yes; McMillan, yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION #01-18-2010
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	\$10,800
2	\$14,600
3	\$18,300
4	\$22,100
5	\$25,800
6	\$29,500
7	\$33,300
8	\$37,000
Additional Person	\$3,700

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 #01-18-2010 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 18th day of January, 2010.

Vote on this Resolution, 4 members being present was as follows:

AYES: Geiger, Krawczyk, Butler, McMillan

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: Willis

Suzanne M. Dobson, CMC
Croswell City Clerk

Michael McMillan, Mayor

X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Elwyn Neaves Jr. – would like to be involved with Charter revisions.

XI. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Krawczyk moved to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$271,223.14 and the bills be paid, second by Butler. Motion Carried.

XII. **CLOSED SESSION – UNION NEGOTIATIONS:** Butler moved to go into Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. for Union Negotiations, second by Krawczyk.

Roll Call Vote: Butler, yes; Krawczyk, yes; Geiger, yes; McMillan, yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

Geiger moved to adjourn from Closed Session at 9:21 p.m., second by Butler. Motion Carried.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mayor McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMC
City Clerk

Michael McMillan, Mayor