

The Crosswell City Council met in Regular Session March 5, 2007, 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, D. Hugdahl, M. O’Vell, M. McMillan

Administration: City Administrator Dave Tait, City Clerk Suzanne Dobson, Police Chief Dave Hall

Guests: Joyce Dennison, H.D.C.; Margaret Whitmer, Jeffersonian

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. **Approval of Minutes** from the Regular Council Meeting of February 20, 2007
Hugdahl moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2007, as presented, second by Willis.
Motion Carried.

3. **Public Comments:**
None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

O’Vell moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Hugdahl. Motion Carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals minutes - 2/28/07: Receive and file.

VI ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Budget meetings will begin with Supervisors the second week of April
- Special meeting will be scheduled with Council to discuss projects council would like to see.
- EMS Contracts

VII COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:

- A. Macklem: 1. Congratulations on the Library Millage passing
- B. Willis: 1. Fence on Ward St.; 2. Need to discuss library funding and restoring hours until they receive the millage monies.
- C. Hugdahl: 1. EMS
- D. O’Vell: 1. Assessments Ans: Will discuss at the special meeting
- E. McMillan: No Report

VIII UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

IX **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Deficit Fund Recovery Resolution:

Hugdahl moved to adopt Resolution #03-05-2001 #1 approving the Deficit Elimination Plan for the Sewer Fund, fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, second by McMillan.

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

Resolution #03-05-2007 #1
DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN

The City Council of the City of Croswell, Sanilac County, Michigan, hereby resolves to adopt the following deficit recovery plan in compliance with MCL 141.921.

WHEREAS, MCL 141.921 requires that if a local unit of government ends it’s fiscal year in a deficit condition, the unit of government shall formulate and file a financial plan with the Department of Treasury providing for the correction of the deficit, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Croswell ended the year 2006 with a deficit of \$491,504.00 in the Sewer Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City proposes to eliminate the deficit by drawing from the Retained Earnings (395.000) Reserves/Balances.

CERTIFICATION

I, SUZANNE DOBSON, City Clerk of Croswell, do hereby certify that Resolution #03-05-2007 #1 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 5th day of March, 2007.

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

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

NAYS: _____

Suzanne M. Dobson, City Clerk

Gary Macklem, Mayor

b. H.D.C. - Croswell Country Manor - Resolution:

At present, Croswell Country Manor does not pay property taxes; instead, the Michigan Treasury reimburses the city for these property taxes. A change in this process is required to obtain an LIHTC from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. The City of Croswell will need to approve a pilot (payment in lieu of taxes) wherein Croswell Country Manor would pay 4% of Net Shelter Rents to the city. (The formula for Net Shelter Rent is: Gross Shelter Rent – Utilities = Net Shelter Rent.) Subsequently, the Michigan Treasury would no longer reimburse the city for any property taxes. Property taxes are \$11,609/year.

O’Vell moved to adopt Resolution #03-05-2007 #2, Croswell Country Manor Pilot contingent upon the approval of financing for Michigan State Housing Development Authority, second by Hugdahl.

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

RESOLUTION #03-05-2007 - #2
CROSWELL COUNTRY MANOR
PILOT

WHEREAS, Croswell Country Manor has provided low-income seniors with safe, affordable housing for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Croswell recognizes the continuing housing needs of its elderly population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Croswell believes in the preservation of existing multi-family units; and

WHEREAS, the City of Croswell supports the efforts of the Human Development Commission to obtain financing assistance for Croswell Country Manor from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Croswell City Council hereby authorizes Gary Macklem, Mayor, to sign a resolution that approves a 4% pilot (payment in lieu of taxes) for Croswell Country Manor as presented by the Human Development Commission.

This Resolution is null and void if funding from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority is not approved.

CERTIFICATION

I, SUZANNE DOBSON, City Clerk of Croswell, do hereby certify that Resolution #03-05-2007 #2 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 5th day of March, 2007.

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

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

NAYS: _____

Suzanne M. Dobson, City Clerk

Gary Macklem, Mayor

X **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 None

XI **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**
 O’Vell moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$291,416.20 and
the bills be paid, second by McMillan. Motion Carried.

XII **ADJOURNMENT:**
 With no further business Mayor Macklem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMC
City Clerk

Gary Macklem, Mayor