

The Crosswell City Council met in Regular Session March 17, 2008, 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'Veil, M. McMillan, J. Geiger

Administration: City Administrator Dave Tait, City Clerk Suzanne Dobson

Guests: Ashley Ferranti Sanilac County Tribune, Margaret Whitmer Sanilac County News

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

II. **Approval of Minutes** from the Regular Council Meeting of March 3, 2008
O'Veil moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2008 as presented, second by Willis.
Motion Carried.

III. **Public Comments:**
None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Scratch under New Business item d. Council Member Geiger - absences excused. Mr. Geiger is present at meeting.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Ballet Class - Donation: Receive and file. Ballet Class donated \$100 for the use of the Community Center.

VI ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- e-mail updates sent to Council
- Ambulance Authority update
- Medical Control on the August ballot
- Pre-bid meeting for lagoon project - March 20th at 10:00 a.m.
- Welcome back Council Member Geiger

VII COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:

- A. Macklem: 1. Post Office status
- B. Willis: 1. Community Center status
- C. O'Veil: No report
- D. McMillan: No report
- E. Geiger: No report

VIII UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

IX **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Poverty Exemption for Property Taxes - Resolution:**

McMillan moved to adopt Resolution #03-17-2008 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; O'Vell, yes; Geiger, yes; Macklem, yes. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION #03-17-2008
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 (Attachment C) for a household of equivalent size.

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 #03-17-2008 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 17th day of March, 2008.

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

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

NAYS: _____

Suzanne M. Dobson, City Clerk

Gary Macklem, Mayor

b. Croswell-Lexington High School Chapter of SADD - Use of Community Center:
McMillan moved to waive the rental fee for the use of the Community Center by the Croswell-Lexington High School Chapter of SADD, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

c. Visiting Nurse Association - Use of Community Center:
O’Vell moved to waive the rental fee for the use of the Community Center by the Visiting Nurse Association for October 14 for the flu shot clinic, second by McMillan. Motion Carried.

d. Council Member Geiger - absences excused: Removed from the agenda. Council Member Geiger was present.

X **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None

XI **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**
O’Vell moved to approve the Account Payable for the amount of \$194,073.90 and the bills be paid, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

XII ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business Mayor Macklem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMC
Croswell City Clerk

Gary Macklem, Mayor