Village of Crooksville

Council Workshop Meeting

<u>January 22, 2024</u>

Mayor Mohler calls the meeting to order with the following council members present: Mr. Hampton, Mr. Locke, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Redfern, Ms. Smith and Mr. Walters. Lacey Tumblin and Courtney Edwards were also present.

First up on the agenda, John Theibert from Aspen Energy was present to discuss the Choice Program.

Next, Mrs. Tumblin stated that the two previous managers for the pool are not available to run the pool again this year. We would like to start advertising it. The lifeguards will need to go up to the minimum wage of \$10.45. The Council all agreed to do \$11.50 for the Assistant Manager and \$12.50 for the Manager. She also discussed about Tim Bobb getting with some of the kids and painting the pool house. She stated that she talked to the guys about taking down a couple of the small crab apple trees as well.

Next, Mrs. Tumblin stated that things have changed so much since Covid so it's a little hard to tell yet how we are doing with Rita. Mrs. Edwards briefly went over the papers that they had handed out to the council.

Mrs. Tumblin stated that the mayor had been sent this survey from Eric Peterson regarding the Tree Grant. To receive any money from EPA grants, the survey needs to be filled out. Mr. Peterson suggested taking it to the council and getting their feedback on the questions. Mrs. Tumblin read each question and took notes on the councils' responses.

Up next, Mrs. Tumblin stated that Kristi Smith reached out to her and wanted to see about using the Rec Center for the Saturdays in February from 9-11:00am for Softball sign ups. The council was fine with that. Mayor Mohler also stated that the Community Celebration needs to be blocked off for June 29.

Darrell Wallace, Fire Chief, was unable to attend the meeting so he left a couple things for Lacey to discuss. He has 2 applications out and waiting on background checks. They are waiting on the garage door glass. The estimate to fix 216 was about \$40,000.

Executive session ORC 121.22 G (3) Litigation.

Out of Executive session.

Mr. Redfern stated he sent an email out about a grant we could apply for. It is called the Service Transportation Block Grant. It is due on the 29th and it's through Buckeye Hills. He states that we still have time to get the application in. He sent the email out on 01/18/2024.

Chris Mohler Mayor

Switzey Edwards Courtney Edwards Fiscal Officer