

Village of Crooksville
Council Workshop Meeting
March 23, 2026

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

First up on the agenda, Lance Stevens was present to ask if they could use the batting cages. Mrs. Tumblin and Mr. Hampton stated there are major issues. The pitching machine can not be salvaged. She stated that she worries about the trip hazard that would be involved if they opened it up. She stated that it will take a lot of time and money to try and fix it up. Mr. Stevens stated that they would like to be able to take out what isn't salvageable and use it as a warmup area. Mr. Hampton stated that they might be able to warm up back behind the batting cages. They mow that now and Mrs. Tumblin stated that it is flat in that area as well, and would make a much better area to warm up in.

Next up, Mrs. Edwards discussed the Natural Gas Renewal Aspen Energy. She passed out a paper with the current rate, and he was able to get the fixed rate for the same amount (\$.625 ccf) for 48 months. He strongly recommended doing a longer term because they will nearly double over the next 5 years. The council stated they are fine with locking it in at that rate for 48 months. Mrs. Edwards stated she will get it sent to Jan and have it for the next meeting.

Next, Mrs. Edwards stated that she and Mrs. Tumblin met with Julia Wood from USDA. When receiving federal funding, there are policies and training you must have in place per the required initial compliance review, and they must take place every 3 years for the life of the loan. Our requirements include the various civil right laws, property maintenance standards (like ADA Compliance), and financial reporting obligations (annual reports) as part of our Loan Agreement. We discussed the ADA compliances, which were met. Employees must be trained on how to assist those with limited English Proficiency (LEP). "I Speak Statements" must be posted at all locations and provided to all employees. The LEP person would be able to point to the language they speak listed in the I Speak Statement. Then the employee would be able to use Google translate or similar to proceed with translation between them. According to the US Census, our population on non to limited English speaking individuals is currently 0. This will be reviewed and updated, if necessary, due to the changing population.

Next, Mrs. Tumblin wanted to touch on the water project. They are wanting to start at replacing both booster stations and adding new lines. She stated that there is approximately 4,200 ft of water main that needs to be replaced and 9,100ft of water lines. The existing 8-inch cast iron water main that needs taken out of service. She stated that they could put it all together and see what grants they could qualify for. Grant with Verandas has put in for a couple grants and they plan to get Heidi Milner with RCAP involved and start applying for whatever we can. Mr.

Redfern asked if they could prioritize which ones they need most. Mr. Loomis stated he could prioritize better if he had a cost to each that he could look at. Mrs. Tumblin has that and makes copies for the council.

Next up, Mrs. Tumblin stated that 212 didn't sell on GovDeals. She was informed that since it didn't sell that the service department could use it if the council decided that we could buy it from them. She stated the problem that we have is that we do not have a vehicle big enough to put our emergency equipment on it. (Generators, valve exerciser, portable pumps and hoses, sewer camera, battery operated tools & chargers, ect...). Mr. Redfern stated he was not in favor of that. He stated that we didn't really know what was wrong with it and we would be chasing that. Mrs. Tumblin and Mr. Locke stated that it was the electrical issue and that the service department wouldn't be using the electrical side of it that the emergency department had to use. The council agreed to try it and if it doesn't work out, they can always put it back on GovDeals.

Next, Chief Dyrall Newlon was present and stated the next thing is to fix the engine on the new medic.

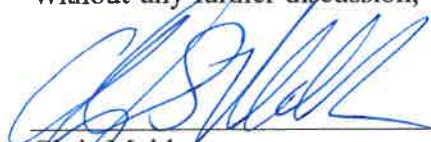
Mrs. Tumblin calls for Executive session ORC 121.22 G (1) Personnel.

Out of Executive session.

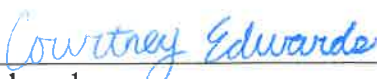
Mr. Redfern stated he had a resident call him and his daughter wanted to show a miniature goat for 4-H. The goat would be housed at the back of his property until the fair is over. The council stated they had a discussion regarding animals for 4-H but that they never voted on that. They did not see a problem with the 4-H goat.

Mayor Mohler stated that Community Day is June 27th. They ask Council for a free swim day. The Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 4th.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.



Chris Mohler
Mayor



Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer