

Village of Crooksville
Council Workshop Meeting
April 13, 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, Mrs. Tumblin stated that Southeastern Ohio Food Bank reached out to her asking if they could use the Village Park once every 2-3 months for food distribution. The council did not see a problem with that if they give notice of when they are going to be there.

Next, Rocky Chevalier was present to discuss the Flock Safety Cameras. He states he has 13-14 questions that he would like to have answered.

The questions and answers are as followed:

1. Have all council members personally reviewed the full contract and policies, or are you relying on summaries or vendor representations? Mr. Hampton states that the council have all seen it.
2. What legal authority allows the mass collection of license plate data from law abiding citizens with no suspicion of wrongdoing? Mr. Hampton and Chief Alexander states that it is only if the license plate is entered into the system for a crime. Mr. Chevalier states he is against the Flock Camera System.
3. Has the solicitor issued a written legal opinion from the system complies with Carpenter via United States? Mrs. Baughman wasn't here to answer this question.
4. How long is the data recorded? Chief Alexander stated 30 days.
5. Who has access to the data? Our cameras. Chief Alexander states that only our police department would. They would have to send another department a request to have access to their cameras and vice versa with someone needing access to ours.
6. Is there a written policy requiring a case number or a documented reason before an officer searches a data base? Chief Alexander stated no and explained he is the admin on it and the only one who has access to it unless he adds someone else to it also.
7. What happens if an innocent citizen is wrongfully stopped due to a false match? Who is liable, the company or the Village? Chief Alexander states he hasn't seen any reports on that. He can't speak about that. It would be an investigative stop at that point.

8. What specific penalties exist if an officer or official misuses the system for personal or unauthorized purposes? Chief Alexander states that it would be just like anything else if someone misuses the system.

9. What specific crimes in Crooksville/Perry County would these cameras realistically be preventing? They stated he just heard a list of them, but Mr. Chevalier states that they just listed ones that the crime has already been committed. Mayor Mohler stated that he feels its just like anything else, as time goes and people are more aware of that tool being there, are people less likely to steal the car, do the crime? There was a lengthy conversation on this topic.

10. There is a two-year contract and after that is just annually? Mayor Mohler states yes and the company takes care of the maintenance as well.

11. Will residents have the ability to opt out, request deletion of their data or see if their vehicle has been scanned? If not, why? Mr. Hampton asks how someone is going to opt out of that if its just reading the license plate as its going by. The council all states that they do not know how that would even work.

12. Why are we prioritizing surveillance technology over improving crime reduction methods? Mr. Hampton states he believes our guys are good at that. He sees them out and about in the community, making themselves present. He states that in a big city that may be an issue but in our small village, that's not an issue.

Mr. Chevalier states that is all he has and appreciates the council.

Chief Alexander states that Rodney Taggart is staying at the village.

Mr. Locke asks assistant chief, Jim Baker, when the new squad is coming. Mr. Baker stated it is supposed to be here Thursday.

Next up, Mr. Redfern states he sent an email about a webinar with Ohio Department of Development, to everyone. If anyone is interested in attending, it is Tuesday, April 28th from 11-12:30pm.

Mr. Redfern thinks we need to get an estimate for lighting in the park. He would like to proceed forward with the walking path in the park. He states there is a possibility for funding with the Ohio Department of Health. He states we do not want to miss the opportunity for funding. There was a brief discussion on funds, and he believes we have no plans. He states we have a hit list but those aren't plans. Mr. Redfern states that we should give the people something for supporting the park and pool levies. The council states that we do, and list the amazing things we do have at the pool. New restrooms, a beautiful pool, pickleball courts, lighting, cornhole courts, new playground equipment and a brand-new baby pool.

Next, Mr. Redfern would like to start looking at the next phase of the Industrial Dr sidewalk. He stated it would be another 5 years before they would be awarded money for that phase.

Next, Mr. Redfern states he would like to have a plan for south park. He would like to possibly take down the batting cage and put up netting where the ball kids could hit. He stated that he

would also like our guys to fix the drain where it goes between the two ball fields. Mr. Loomis stated that they already decided that we would do that.

Mayor Mohler stated that Buckeye St is now closed for the Buckeye St Bridge Project. It will be closed for 90 days.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.



Chris Mohler
Mayor



Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer

