

Village of Crooksville
Council Work Shop Minutes
May 11th 2020

Mayor Mohler calls the meeting to order with the following Council members present; Mr. Rice, Mr. Locke, Mr. Hampton, Ms. Smith, Mr. Loomis and Mr. Allen. Tom Collins was also present.

The first thing up for discussion is a request from Ricky Moorhead regarding the use of the large shelter house. Ricky would like to have a party for the Seniors from the Crooksville EV School on July 26th. Due to the Coronavirus the Seniors were unable to have a traditional Graduation, or parties to celebrate. Rickey would like for Council to vote to donate the use of the large shelter house for all of the seniors to have a large graduation party where everyone is able to celebrate. Council would love to be able to help them celebrate, but feel they need to “play it by ear”, that way they can abide by whatever rules and regulations are in place at that time regarding the COVID social distancing, and gatherings. Council will vote on this at a later date.

Due to all of the COVID restrictions many of the local events will be cancelled for this summer. The announcement has been made to cancel the Community Celebration; the Pottery Festival has not made the official announcement but it looks as though it will also be cancelled. Many of the area swimming facilities have announced that they will be closed for the summer; Lake Isabella, New Lexington, and Newark have all recently announced they will not be opening. Council would love to see the Crooksville pool open, but with all of the rules and regulations it may not be possible to open this summer. A final decision will need to be made on whether or not to open the pool. Some Council members wonder what all of the rules and regulations for a backyard pool are. The safest thing to do with that is to call your insurance company and check with them. Also, for anyone who will be filling a pool they can pick up a water meter at the Administration building to help with the cost.

While all of the shut downs are taking place, Tom feels that now would be a good time to update the electric panels at the park. We will need to get quotes, to check on the cost of the update. Last year three of the air conditioning units at the Administration building stopped working, and had to be replaced. The unit in the Council Chambers was not one to be replaced, and will need to be taken care of this year. Also, the Billing Utility Office is at the end of the line, and does not cool down so we will get a quote on putting in a mini split unit in to help with the temperate control of that office. We will need to get a quote on both units.

The Morgan County Reservoir Property will need to have the survey taken care of in order to get it advertised. Currently it is showing 75.9 acres, 6 of those acres will need to be removed from the survey before the sale. The money made off of the sale will go into the Capital Improvement fund.

There will be a “Go to Meeting” Tuesday, May 12th starting at 2:00. The meeting will go over all of the current information regarding the new Fire Station. If any of the Council members would like to attend, they are welcome to come to the informational session.

Fra-Mor Trailer park was told that they would need to get lot #10 fixed up, but Dan Knox said that they would be moving it out. There is a past due amount of \$3969.79 in water bills. That is the monthly minimum, plus the late fees. The Minimum fee for Water, Sewer and storm water in town is \$67.43. In that amount Council feels that the late fees could be deducted from the balance. This balance will need to be paid. Fra-mor has bought and are going to install 20 new meter pits. The Village will be working to uphold the property maintenance ordinance. There are 5 trailers that need to be taken care of. Mayor Mohler has had several discussions with the Perry County Health Department. Chad Cook with the Health Department told the Mayor that they have a form that we could fill out for health concerns, and safety hazards. After submitting the form, the Health Department would do a formal investigation.

After the new Fire Station is build the plan is to purchase the old Fire Station, and pay for it out of the Water and Sewer funds. We will need to find the appraisal for the building, if we are unable to find the documentation, we will have to get another appraisal done.

Ralph Hill has a few items he would like to discuss regarding the Fire and EMS. Our contract with the Pleasant Township Fire Department brought in \$14,000. There is a FEMA Grant that is open that Ralph would like to apply for to get updated equipment. The fee for the application is \$2,500. If we were to be awarded the money, we would get \$1,500 back. The equipment is estimated to cost \$40,000. He would also like to apply for a grant through the Ohio EMS Board. This would be for \$28,000 to get a new heart monitor. Ours needs to be updated to be brought up to compliance. We are in the process of deciding how to proceed on our current contract with CSA. Jan Baughman is looking into the contract. If New Lexington and Crooksville were to go with Medicount they would have a lower rate. We are currently paying 10%, and it would drop to 6%. During this time the EMS has been very busy. They are currently treating each case as if they were positive for the COVID-19, that way to ensure the safety of everyone. Washable gowns were recently purchased to help keep everyone safe. During this time, it is difficult to get in the proper equipment, and safety supplies. Many of the items ordered months ago are just now starting to trickle in.

Rodney Walters would like for everyone to be aware that on Saturday, May 16th there will be a procession for all graduating Crooksville EV Seniors and families to participate in. The procession will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the school, and will end at the park. Graduation has been altered to accommodate the Govender's orders of gatherings, and social distancing. It will take place on Sunday from 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. The plans were approved by the Perry County Health Department. Two Auxiliary Officers will be in attendance. They will be charging a flat rate of \$100, rather than their typical hourly rate to help the school.

There are two options when it comes to the Industrial Drive Bridge. Tom likes option two. He feels like it will be more in line with the Main Street Bridge. We want it to match and to look appealing. This bridge we will have a say in the project, where as the Main street bridge we did not get any input.

Council will need to make a decision regarding the updating the Animal Ordinance. We need to put a final number on how many animals you can have. The Council is leaning towards being able to have 5 hens, and not being able to keep roosters. The Council discusses how many rabbits should be able to be kept. They feel that limiting the number of adult animals will be the best action.

Next up is the discussion on when we should open the Administration building back up to the public. Many places will start reopening next week, we would like to wait and see if with the other openings if

the number of cases grow. We would like to keep the doors shut, and to keep everyone safe until we know for sure.

There Village's credit card was shut down, and a new card will be issued. The bank caught what would have been a fraudulent charge that was trying to be charged by an unknown, unauthorized user.

With no further discussion, Mayor Mohler adjourns the meeting.

CHRIS MOHLER

MAYOR

MARILYN HORNER

FISCAL OFFICER