

Village of Crooksville
Council Workshop Meeting
June 8th, 2020

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

First up on tonight's agenda is to let Council know that The Village will send in a termination letter to Cintas. There have been many problems with the service provided and their billing.

Lacey will be spearheading the hydrant painting contest, and would like to know if any members of Council would be interested in volunteering. The plan is to work on this project during July and August. Mr. Locke, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Allen said that they would help with what they could. There are 22 fire hydrants around the restroom that will be painted. The plan is to hold a contest and have people submit their drawings on paper to show how they would paint the fire hydrants. From the entries 22 winners will be chosen to put their artwork on the hydrants. There are still many details to be worked out, and more details will be provided as Lacey and the volunteers come up with plans.

Next up on the agenda is to discuss some ideas and thoughts for improvements at Village Park. Tom thinks that if the skate park was moved from behind the Rec Center to the old tennis courts that more people would come and use them. There has not been anyone use the courts in years, and that would be a perfect spot to put it. He would like to see the batting cages moved out of the flood zone and into Village Park where they could get some use. It would a little bit of an investment; putting in the electric as well as a concrete slab, but it would be nice to see them used. Tom has gotten some prices on putting 3-4 charcoal grills down at the park, for the public to use and enjoy. There are two sets of aluminum bleachers next to the Rec Center that are no longer used. Tom asks Council if they know of any other area in the Village that could use them. They could be moved together, or they could go in separate areas if needed. Mr. Hampton suggests that the girls' softball field could use the additional seating, but will look into what other areas they could be used for. The discussion turns to updating the electric at the park. It will be needed for next years Pottery Fest, as will as the Community Celebration. The electric is in great need of an update. Tom would like to see a new 6-foot chain link fence installed the entire length along the alley with only two gates. The access points would remain at the same locations. Most feel that this would help cut down on the vandalism at the park. Years ago, the park had a "merry go round" that was enjoyed by many, everyone feels like this would be a nice addition to the playground equipment. With the pool being closed due to COVID-19 this year, the money that would have been spent on the pool will be going to update as many things as possible down at the park.

Mayor Mohler would like to talk about the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. He has spoken to Sean Brooks with HAPCAP, who feels like they are running right on schedule with everything at this point. The work is planned to start in September. All work must be complete by August 2021, with all punch list items being completed by October 31, 2021.

Ralph Hill wants remind Council to make Colton Glanemann's start date retroactive to 5/29/2020. He was officially voted in on 6/1/2020. Mr. Hill felt certain that Colton had appeared before Council on two

sperate occasions, once to introduce himself, and then was voted in. Mayor Mohler also felt that he had been voted in. The minutes do not reflect that. Tom, and Mr. Allen do not recall him being voted in. The next meeting there will be a vote to make his start date retroactive.

There was a short discussion regarding the desire to have a bandstand down at the park. This will take some work, and possibly putting together a committee to draw community interest, and to try and help get grants for this project.

Devyn Holm gets up to speak about Rocky, the K-9 dog. He hands out a K-9 Progress report. He discusses the drugs and paraphernalia that has been seized with Rocky's help. Council wonders why Officer Holm has not brought Rocky to be introduced to Council. Devyn states that Rocky is very protective over him, and he doesn't know how that will be possible. Tom asks where they are on Rocky being a tracking dog, Devyn says he "is not allowed to talk about it; he was told not to talk about it". Mayor Mohler say that they will need to get Mr. Heater in to discuss Rocky's tracking/bite training with Council. The Auxiliary will have their second meeting, which has been postponed due to the COVID-19. Mr. Hamilton has been working on COVID grants.

Senate Bill 310 has passed; therefore, we will have to pass a Resolution in order to receive the \$51,407 that could be spent on COVID related expenses. Rodney recommends that they do a retro active hazard pay for the officers with that money. Ralph would like to see the Fire/EMS staff get a fifty cent raise on the hour. During the month of May the Fire department made 115 runs, many of those were not inside of the Village.

Karen Brown was present to discuss problems that they are having on Cherry Lane. She also wonders if there might be another place to move the girls' softball fields, that isn't a mosquito pit. Mr. Hampton says that it is a nice field, it just gets flooded when it rains a lot, but dries pretty quickly.

Fred Redfern wonders when the Village will be spraying for mosquitos. Mosquito pellets have already been put out, but they will be spraying next week.

There is the question of what is going into the old Wiseman Dairy building. The belief is that it will be offices, owned by Glass Enterprises. Everyone speaks of how much work they have put into the building, and how great that it looks, especially with the new stone facade.

With no further discussion Mayor Mohler calls the meeting adjourned.

Chris Mohler

Mayor

Marilyn Horner

Fiscal Officer

