

Village of Crooksville

June 22, 2020

Workshop Meeting

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

A reminder goes out that the next meeting will not be until July 6th, due to there being five Mondays this month.

There has been a request that a building permit be preauthorized for 318 Whitehouse street. They would like to get the work started. All utilities have been checked; with no problems with the water, sewer, or street. With Council's blessing they would like to get the project started, and a formal vote can take place on July 6th.

EARL... was present to ask the Council to consider vacating the 16-foot alley behind the Certified Station. He has been wanting to sell a property that he owns that is adjacent to the alley. It would be much easier to sell if the alley was vacated. Many things would have to be in writing, and discussed including we would have to keep an easement to have the rights to Moxahala Creek. No decision is made at this time.

Tom was contacted by Lisa Garey from the Perry Country Health Department. She is in the process of having the "No Smoking" signs printed to hang in the shelter houses down at the park. They would have been done sooner, but like many things the COVID-19 has set this back.

The Architect has asked about adding curb repair, or curb replacement for the Walnut street curb to the contract. Council feels like this is necessary, and to wait until after the station is complete to have that work taken care of. The Fire Station is still in the design phase, but is coming along nicely. It is around 95% complete. They are currently working on the interior designs and colors.

Tom is working on coming up with paperwork to give to the utility companies when they have a scheduled road closure. That way we can make sure we are able to notify the public when there will be a road closed ahead of time, so they can plan accordingly.

With all of the changing of Fiscal Officers, the money owed to Northern Perry had not been paid since July 2019. There is a lengthy process and formula to find out what they are due, but it has been worked out. We pay them typically between \$4,500-\$5,000 per month. So, a check to get us caught up was cut for roughly \$58,000.

Ralph Hill would like to discuss the EMS billing through CSA. Typically, EMS brings in around \$30,000. During the month of May only about \$8,000 was received. The feeling is that they are lagging way behind. Jan has been looking into and working on the contract due to this huge revenue loss. We are currently paying 10% to CSA, with MediCount we would only be paying 6.5%. Many other local Villages such as New Lexington, Somerset, and Roseville are also looking to make a change. When the change is made it will take around 30-45 days to complete the transition.

Ralph would like to see a fifty-cent raise for all EMS personnel, to help keep competitive with what other places are paying. This would end up with an increase of \$774 monthly, and \$8,800 per year. Ralph also wanted to let Council know that he will be out of town from July 5th through the 18th.

Big Dog Refuse will be added to the list of available trash haulers. They will be paying their fee as well as their completing paperwork, before becoming approved by Council.

The Perry County Health Department called and we are now allowed to open the playground. A discussion in held on who will we find to clean the restrooms, and the shelter houses in order to open them to be compliant with the Governor's COVID-19 orders. Everything will need to be cleaned and sanitized every two hours. We will need to find someone who is interested, and decide what hours they would be working to help keep everything safe for the people to enjoy. Next up is a discussion on when they would like to see the Administration building open to the public. At this time to follow the COVID regulations all employees would have to wear a mask all day, clean every two hours, and keep records of employee's temperatures. At this point no decisions have been made on when to open the building, or when we will resume renting the shelter houses.

Fred Redfern would like to know if we are still interested in the property on Industrial drive. Tom lets him know that this is something that has been discussed. If Council decides that they are still interested than we can let Jan know, and get her back on the project.

With no further discussion, Mayor Mohler calls the meeting to be adjourned.

CHRIS MOHLER

Mayor

MARILYN HORNER

Fiscal Officer