Village of Crooksville

Workshop Minutes

January 25th, 2021

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

First up on the agenda is Tom Collins to discuss the insurance coverage on the administration building. The current coverage is \$302.5 on the building, and its contents are \$110,300. He would like to get an engineer to do an elevation certificate on it. They've paid the last 3 years and its going to \$1,333. Council believes that the elevation survey will be smart and cheaper to do.

Second thing Tom has on the agenda is some information on the impoundment procedures. With the help of Tracy Payton and Bryan Alexander, they do mostly everything when it comes to impoundment. Mr. Tanner gives the owners of the vehicles a 10 day notice to come and pick the vehicle up and pay all of the fees. Bryan explained the procedure, stating that they filled out all the paper work including the VIN number and took pictures of everything left in the vehicle. Tracy Payton has to call the BMV the check the owner of the vehicle, it will go back to the last person registered. In 2018 there were 18 vehicles impounded and in 2019 there were 10-12. From those years only probably 2 of those were picked up, the rest get forfeited and sold. The money could be put towards PD funds to help offset the cost of training. Bryan envisioned them splitting it 3 ways, into the equipment, training, and the general fund to help payroll. There were no reports from last year stating how many cars were impounded but Bryan thinks around 80. That includes all towed vehicles.

Next up on the agenda Tom reminds them that an ad will be in this week's tribune about the reservoir property for sell in Morgan County. It will be posted on Facebook to share.

Council shares the quote from Southeastern Equipment for the Kobelco SK35SR Excavator. They will have \$60,000 in it after getting a trailer.

The Red Cross and Lacey Tumblin would like to have another blood drive at the rec center. It will be pending approval and will be held the 20th of February. The previous one did good with having 33 people participate.

Next discussion is on the employee raise. Some wanted to know if PD would have the money, it would be \$5,798.60 for wages, Medicare, etc. for a 3% raise. The revenue took in \$13,000 last year from the PD. Council concluded that they think the PD should have a levy to relieve some of the general funds. From the general fund, the fiscal officer said they could afford a 3% raise.

Jon Allen would like to see a 5% raise; he doesn't think some employees are getting paid enough. Chris Rice and some others think they should stick with 3% and can come back later to add 2% if they can afford to. They want to wait and look at the income taxes from last year. Withholdings from PCC on China Street are down, they've went from 290 employees to 45 and now back up to 100-105. That's caused a slight decrease in withholdings revenue. Roughly figuring a 5% raise would be \$9,645. Council goes back and forth between doing 3% now and coming back later for another 2% or doing 5% now. They agree to vote on 5% next week.

Mayor Mohler and Ralph Hill have a Township meeting this week. They met with Harrison township and got a 3-year renewal last week for fire. They are meeting with Pleasant township Thursday to make that renewal, and then meeting with York township in Morgan country for that one as well.

With no further discussion Mayor Mohler calls the meeting to adjourn.

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