

Village of Crooksville

Workshop Minutes

October 25th, 2021

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

First up on the agenda, Tom will be meeting with Matt Wagner, with Tetra Tech, tomorrow concerning the Underground Storage Tanks at the former Jones Service Station on China Street. He also would like to discuss other UST's within the Village. The Governor's Office has started contacting entities by phone regarding the House Bill 168 funding awards. The State of Ohio got \$250 million for water and waste water projects. We have an application in for \$1.8 million to replace B1 and B6 pump stations from in ground to above ground stations.

We have installed 3 speed humps in front of the park restroom to protect pedestrians crossing to and from the shelter houses. "Caution-Speed Bumps Ahead" signage has been posted as well. There were estimates on the removal of two large pine trees in the park, Terry's Tree Service was the cheapest.

OEPA has a program for government entities to remove scrap tires that are accumulated from abandoned properties, etc. There is a 100-tire minimum pickup at no charge to the Village. We currently have 170 tires stored at the impound that will be removed Thursday.

The 1996 Dodge Ram and 2005 Chevy Equinox will be posted on GovDeals government auction site. The value on each is less than \$1000 so an Ordinance is not required to dispose of the vehicles.

Mr. Bob Rambo at 203 Vaughn Street would like to see something done to slow down traffic in the alley adjacent to the park. The alley was recently paved. Council suggests getting 2 or 3 more speed humps to try and see if that will help.

There's a lengthy discussion on the American Rescue Plan Act funds and where to spend the money at. We currently have around \$130,000 and will have another round coming. Council agrees to use a good chunk of it to recoup lost revenue in the general fund. Other ideas include; giving \$2,500 to the food pantry which would feed around 50 families for the holidays, rebuilding some EMS funds with them having over 400 runs that have been Covid related, helping local businesses get back on their feet, stormwater projects and more.

Ralph said Covid numbers are going down and we are currently #29 in the state. The Rec Center floor repairs on done, but the whole place needs a deep cleaning. Chief Alexander suggests having some people that need some community service hours help clean the place.