

Village of Crooksville  
Council Workshop Meeting  
August 14, 2023

Mayor Mohler calls the meeting to order with the following council members present: Mr. Hampton, Mr. Locke, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Redfern and Mr. Walters. Ms. Smith was absent. Lacey Tumblin and Courtney Edwards were also present.

First up on the agenda, Lacey Tumblin passed out the quote from Matt Headley to take down the press box at the old football field. The estimate is \$4800.

She also stated that for insurance purposes we needed to get mulch for the playground. The guys had stopped at the school to question where they typically would buy their mulch. They were getting ready to get rid of mulch, boarder, and playground equipment. They donated the mulch, border and the playground equipment to the Village. The guys have been working on it and so far, everything looks great. This donation is very much appreciated.

Next, Michael Salvadore with Structure Point is attending the meeting via a virtual connection. He will be able to answer questions related to the American Rescuse Plan. Jeff Dennis was asking if there was any insight on why other villages are getting money and why we haven't. Kate, from Buckeye Hills, stated that there were two applications that were available that we were a part of, which were the Construction Funding and Planning Funding. Somerset went after the Construction Funding, and we went after the Planning Funding. Mr. Dennis wanted to know why the Village didn't go after more grants. Mrs. Tumblin explained to Mr. Dennis that when there is a match for the grants, we don't always apply for those. We have to prioritize how the Village money is spent; therefore, we go after the ones that are the most needed.

Next up, Jeff and Kerri Alfman were present to discuss they are in the beginning stages of starting a camp site on their property on Tunnel Hill. They are hoping by next summer they will have people visiting the camp site. The name of their business will be Alfman Family Farms LLC and the camp site will be named Froggy Bottom Campground. Mr. Hampton stated since it is in Harrison Twp, the Alfman's would probably need to speak to the Harrison Twp trustees. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding the Downtown Revitalization Project. The discussion revolved around what they felt would be the most important projects to focus on. Everyone agreed that Main Street should be the center focal point. They would like to see lighting, sidewalks, curbs, and streetscapes taken care of. This would help Main Street to be more functional and much more appealing to possible new businesses.

Council went into Executive Session ORC 121.22 Personnel.

The council is out of Executive Session with no decisions being made.

Next Daryl Newlon was present and wanted to let the council know that the new tools will be on the truck on Sunday. Monday they will be here to do the electrical work. By waiting a couple weeks, it saved them \$3,281.36.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.

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Chris Mohler  
Mayor

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Courtney Edwards  
Fiscal Officer