

Village of Crooksville
Council Workshop Meeting
November 13, 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, Mrs. Tumblin stated that for several months we have wanted to discuss the police levy. There was a very lengthy discussion on what a competitive wage would be to get applicants for the Police Department.

Next up, there was a brief discussion regarding the annual water rate increase. Mrs. Edwards stated that Jan Baughman sent an email stating if we wanted to waive it that she would need to have a Resolution in place. A couple of the Council stated they would waive it and re-evaluate it next year.

Next, Mrs. Tumblin stated that they had a meeting with Mr. Salvador last week. He had some ideas, and they are going to set up another meeting to try to bridge the gap. Mr. Redfern wanted to know what the issue was and what gap they needed to fix. She stated that some of the ideas need to be scaled back and refocused on what the Village needs. Mr. Salvadore's ideas were more of a "Wow" factor on a very small piece of property.

Next, Mrs. Tumblin discussed the Christmas lights at the park. There was an incident with the arch being damaged. The person was caught on the cameras and is paying for the damages. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the community regarding the parade before the lighting at the park. The guys have done an amazing job setting up and getting things ready. Mr. Loomis asked if it would be possible to set up containers at the entrance for people to donate food for the food pantry.

Mr. Redfern wanted to discuss 2 grants. The first one is from the Governor's office called Brightening Ohio Communities Grant Program. We could convert all the streetlights to LED. The second one is the Ohio Building & Demolition Site Revitalization Program. It would help for any buildings that need to be removed.

Mayor Mohler stated that after coming out of Covid, that everyone had stepped up and pulled together. That we have gotten through so much, even when some people have said that we wouldn't, or that the Village would go downhill after losing important people along the way. He stated that we just finished up another paving project and that we have our grant application in for 2024 for South Buckeye St and South State St. to be paved. North State is on the list for 2025.

Chief Darrell Wallace joined the meeting. He stated that 216 is back with new tires and the leveling system fixed. He also stated that 212 is out getting the vinyl redone which was a free repair. They are having their Christmas party on December 30th.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.

Chris Mohler
Mayor

Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer