

**Village of Crooksville**  
**Council Workshop Meeting**  
**September 25, 2023**

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

First up on the agenda, Michael Salvador from American Structure Point was present to discuss the Appalachian Community Grant. Stephanie Mcmanus Renda with Neighborhood Strategies was also in attendance. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding the general overview of the program. He stated that the state would like to fund transformational projects that will help a community be transformed. The project must be ARPA eligible. Public improvements, such as street scape and park improvements, are going to move forward. There are also private improvements that businesses can receive funds to upgrade their buildings, if there is a clear transformative impact on the community of that happening. There is \$450,000,000 available to communities and that money will be made available at the end of this year. He discussed some of the projects that the Council has mentioned at previous workshops; such as streetscapes, sidewalks, lighting, and storm water. He discussed some of the challenges with those who were present and how some of the business owners, the Village and the community need to come together to create a local momentum for change.

Next, Chief Darrell Wallace stated that 212 is back. He believes that it was a problem with the alternator. They also had a new EMT start, Michelle Love. He stated that they have another application coming as well, Makayla Kolowski.

Next up, Mr. Redfern stated that Mr. Walters had a point to bring up. Mr. Walters then stated that we need to have something to tie young people to this community.

Mayor Mohler stated that he believes they had a good productive meeting and is hopeful that we can do a couple of the projects discussed.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.

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Chris Mohler  
Mayor

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Courtney Edwards  
Fiscal Officer