

Village of Crooksville
Council Workshop Meeting

May 26, 2026

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

First up on the agenda, JT Roberts was present to discuss Engine 213. He stated that it was in bad shape and was going to need a full overhaul. He passed out a booklet to council with a full breakdown. The current engine is a 1999 Pierce Saber. He stated that the current value of our engine is about \$8,000-\$14,000 depending on the severity of the frame. To fix the pump is about \$15,000-\$40,000 for the pump and \$10,000-\$20,000 for the labor. The framework would be custom made because it is a 1999. They do not have the parts on a shelf. He stated they did their research and found a truck for sale. A brand new one would be around one million dollars, and a 3-4 year wait because they are backed up. The one they are looking at is a 2009 Spartan, it has 12,731 miles, it has 1,021 engine hours and 198 pump hours for \$180,000. He believes they could get another 20 years on that. Mr. Locke thanked Mr. Roberts for his presentation on this and that he would love to make it happen but that we also must figure out where this money would come from. Asst. Chief Baker voiced his opinion and stated that he isn't opposed to getting the truck, but he is against financing it. He stated that the fire department is already in debt, he doesn't want to see any additional payments added to that. He states that there is money in income tax that he thinks they should help the Fire Department get this engine. Mayor Mohler and Mr. Locke stated they will look at it and see what they can do.

Next, Mrs. Edwards passed out a sheet for the Incentive Pay for EMS to see what they would want to change. Mayor Mohler stated that we did clear it with Jan Baughman that we can pay shift differentials and incentive pay to EMS employees to work unpopular or hard to fill shifts. It must be clearly outlined and formerly put into place prior to implementation. Mrs. Edwards asked Chief Newlon if it is something that he thinks would work. He states that he thinks it would. They just lost 3 EMTs over the last 2 weeks due to pay. The tiers would be as follows: 9-16 hours \$1.00/hr, 17-32 hours \$2.00/hr, 33-64 hours \$3.00/hr. There was a lengthy discussion on this.

Next up, there has been issues at the pool and an inspection is scheduled for tomorrow. The baby pool did pass inspection. We are hoping to open Thursday. Mrs. Edwards stated that we have had some people call in about wanting to do water aerobics. She stated that they had looked around and that maybe they could do \$4, or \$3 if you have a pool pass. That would not count toward entry for the pool for the day. After water aerobics the individuals would need to clear the water prior to the pool opening. Mrs. Edwards stated that they are going to try 1-hour sessions two days a week. The council all agreed. She also stated that they have started advertising for swim lessons. It would be the same as last year at \$100 for 4 one-hour sessions.

Ms. McKinney asked if the pump station was up and running. Mayor Mohler stated that yes and Mrs. Edwards also said that Mrs. Tumblin has a meeting scheduled Thursday with the Righter Co, Grant Schooley and George to go over the finishing things.

Mr. Redfern asked if anyone had a chance to ride around town and see what potholes in the alleys may be top priority to be fixed. Mayor Mohler also stated that there will be no streets paved this year. The county pulled the Issue 2 application due to cost. There will be no funding for paving in Perry County this year.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.



Chris Mohler
Mayor



Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer