

Village of Crooksville

Council Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

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

First up on the agenda, Adam Shriver with the Mayors Partnership for Progress, was present to discuss Funding Opportunities for Reservoir #3. He stated funds became available July 1, 2026, and run through the end of June 2027. It is a technical assistance grant, for municipalities that are members of the Mayors Partnership. It is generally \$30,000-40,000 to do technical assistance on projects. He states Mrs. Tumblin had reached out to the Mayors Partnership about Reservoir #3. If we apply and are awarded the grant, it is a tri party agreement between the Village, Ohio University and the contractor (Verdantes is who they met with). All the billing goes through Ohio University and the Village would be presented with a plan at the end and if they are happy with that, then the Mayors Partnership would pay the bill, and the Village would have something to take to apply for additional grant funding.

Next up, Mrs. Tumblin passed out a cost estimate from Verdantes to replace old water lines by the water plant & both booster stations (Fairview Heights & Watt Hill) & pictures from the worst areas of the inside of them. She states that they can go through OWDA and take out a planning loan for \$314,600 in order to move forward and payments defer for a year. If they can get grants, some of that loan could be rolled into it. It is critical that these get replaced. She states the longer it is put off, the worse it will get. Mrs. Tumblin states she would like to put it on the agenda for next week.

Next, Mrs. Tumblin stated that we fell short by 3.3 ft for the STBG funding for the bridge on Water Works Rd. She states that we can start looking for other funding opportunities. She states that we may be eligible for the OPWC Grant, and possibly small government grant. She will put that on the agenda for next week as well

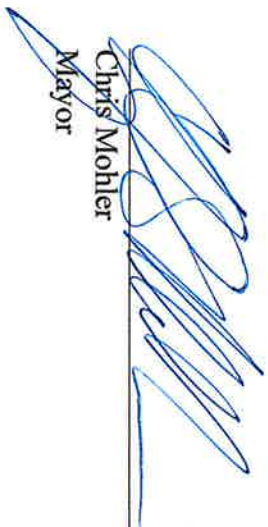
Next, Mrs. Tumblin states that the Pottery Festival starts this week.

Next up, Tim Kennedy was present to introduce himself. He will be joining the Police Department full-time. He will be on the agenda to approve for next week.

Chief Newlon states that Bearfield Twp doesn't want them to do the levy until next year because of their cemetery levy. He states they can do it in the spring but would have to pay for it or do it in the fall of 2027. Mr. Redfern states they can't wait that long. There was a brief discussion on that. He also states that the new fire truck is all coming along and should be about 30-35 days until they receive it.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.

Chris Mohler
Mayor



Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer

