Village of Crooksville

Council Workshop Minutes

September 14, 2026

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

First up on the agenda, Bill Glass was present to discuss the culvert underneath the township road meeting Keystone St., right passed the Y. He states if they could make that bigger it would eliminate a lot of problems with water flowing down from 669. He states he would dig them all out but would have to have someone else put it across the road, flaggers and the road closed. There was a brief discussion on suggestions on how to fix it, and Mr. Redfern asked what steps we are going to take to get it started. The council on board with accepting the assistance. Mrs. Tumblin let Mr. Glass know to call her this week, and she will arrange the help with flaggers and find out about what we have as far as the pipe.

Next up, Travis Young is present to discuss a property at 316 China St. He is interested in purchasing the property as long as Council doesn't have any objections. He believes that he can leave the manufactured home on the property, raise it above the flood plain, and stay in the standard double stacked pillar foundation. Mr. Redfern states he would like to look over the Ordinance regarding the trailers on Main and China St. before voting on that. Mr. Young left his information for the council.

Mrs. Tumblin states that Rocky was in today and asked if the council had thought about putting anything into legislation about elevating homes in the flood plains, putting them on stilts, rules and regulations for that. Mayor Mohler states that it is something that we are going to have to consider down the road. He states maybe we need to ask for the elevation survey before we say yes to a building permit.

Next, Tina Wheeler is present to discuss issues with the Buckeye Street Bridge. She feels that when the drain was installed, there was no proper drainage. It washed away from the creek bank. It is now so deep that she can't get 2 cars in her driveway. Mr. Locke states that they have a meeting with the bridge people on Wednesday and will bring that up. She states that all the water runs towards her house now.

Next up, Eric Rodriquez introduced himself. He states he has been in Law Enforcement since 2021 and in the military before that. He has worked with Tim Kennedy in the past and he states that Tim offered him to come down and do auxiliary for the village.

Next, Chief Newlon states that the new fire truck is still 2-3 weeks out from getting it.

Next up, Mrs. Tumblin stated that we currently use Leckrone Sanitation, and she would like to switch to Rumpke. She states that Leckrone wouldn't call back when we needed dumpsters the

most for the village during this flood. Heather called in to Leckrone to verify that we are not under contract, and they confirmed. Rumpke was very responsive to calls and the needs of the Village after the flood. Rumpke's quote will save us $36 a month.

Next, Mrs. Tumblin states that Grant Schooley and George have been out looking at other lines in the village that have been exposed since the flooding. Grant was able to put in for an emergency fund through OPWC. Mrs. Tumblin just received an approval letter. They would provide 90% of the cost, and we would cover the rest. The cost of the first line that we already paid for would go towards a portion of our match. The project with all the exposed lines is estimated to cost $436,320.00.

Next, Mrs. Tumblin brought up what they had discussed at the last meeting regarding waiving the utility rates for the residents impacted by the flood. Mr. Loomis states that he feels if someone is displaced from their home and has no way of staying on their property; those are the people he thinks should be waived. He states that the people that still live there and are still using water every day would be hard to say they have free water for 3 months, without giving it to the whole village. There was a resident present from 109 Ridge Ave that had no water for about 40 days. He now has a camper on the property. Mayor Mohler states that he knows in the past that we have given discounts for leaks and filling up pools and things like that. He states maybe we can look into something like that. Mrs. Tumblin states that residents can do temporary abandonment. That would bring their bill down to $10 for water and $10 for sewer a month, but it must be disconnected for at least 6 months to qualify. There is also the option if they are not going to replace their home that they could do a permanent abandonment. To move forward on either abandonment, the resident would need to come down to discuss and fill out paperwork with the water office.

Mrs. Tumblin states that she and Mrs. Edwards have a meeting with FEMA on Wednesday morning that they have been preparing for.

Next, Mrs. Tumblin gave an update that we have purchased 3 vehicles. This will eliminate our staff from driving their own personal vehicles. We bought a 2026 Santa Cruz that will replace Tim's Tacoma, a truck from AA Auto, here in Crooksville, to replace Jamie's Truck and one from an individual to replace Rodney's truck.

Serv Pro has been working in the Police Department and has the drywall removed and they are currently working in the Rec Center. She also states that after the huge loss at Tim's building, they plan to use it for storage for pipes and things of that nature and move his building to the Beaumont Building.

Mayor Mohler states that he reached out to the Mayor of the City of Zanesville last week and pleaded our case and asked if they could provide an operator and a vac truck so we could work on some clearing of the drains. He states within an hour they graciously granted us that wish and will schedule a time with Mrs. Tumblin to get that started.

Mrs. Tumblin states that we have taken in a lot of applications for the Flood Relief Fund. Tomorrow, the15^{th,} is the deadline for that.

Mayor Mohler states the senator Tim Schaffer and lawmakers at the state house got $500,000 released today for emergency disaster assistance for Franklin, Morgan, Muskingum and Perry counties. It will be managed by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services. Funds are restricted to those who have suffered large scale losses, senior citizens or families with children that earn less than 300% of the poverty line.

Next, Chief Newlon states that he has an update on the homes that were damaged from the FEMA assessment. He states that 9 were destroyed, 140 with major damage, 92 with minor damage, and 45 affected. He states that it does not include businesses.

Mayor Mohler states that there is a chicken dinner on Sunday at 11:00 at the Fire Department, donations only. They are serving 390 chicken dinners.

Delmar, a resident of the village, asks about tearing down his garage. Mrs. Tumblin states that he would need to come to the office and get a demo permit. Then he asks about who we refer to for tearing down a house. Mayor Mohler states that anyone that is licensed and insured, and that isn't going to come in and tear up our streets.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.

Chris Mohler
Mayor

Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer