Village of Crooksville

Council Workshop Meeting

Monday, September 28, 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, Blake Norman was present to introduce himself to become a member of the EMS. He lives in Newark and is an EMT Basic. He currently works for Licking Memorial Hospital. He would like to join the Crooksville Department.

Next, Laurissa Shalan was present to introduce herself to become a member of the EMS. She is an EMT Basic from Lancaster. She is currently a medical assistant at a primary care doctor's office. She would like to join the Crooksville Department.

Next up, Cheyenne Wheeler was present to introduce herself to become a member of the EMS. She still works for the Roseville department and works at Helen Purcell. She would like to join the Crooksville Department as well.

Next Dyrall stated that he received an email regarding why our revenue was down compared to prior years. The payments and collection rates are lower. He states also during the floods, their transport rates also dropped tremendously. Their crew was taking care of the flood while other EMS were taking their EMS calls. Many things come into play with this including unpaid balances and the decrease in Medicare/Medicaid.

Dyrall stated he received an email today that the new engine is ready for delivery. Once it is delivered, they will go over the checklist to make sure everything was fixed properly and meet the requirements that they had all agreed on. He also states that the boat will be here soon. They expect it to ship this week. It will not be able to be used until individuals are certified to use it. Chief Newlon, Amber Newlon, and Brandon Forrester will be the first to attend the course to become certified in swift water rescue. There are a total of 12-13 people who are interested in taking classes. ODNR is coming down to do a class for operating the boat. He states the john boat they have; they plan on getting it serviced so it can be used for stagnant water rescues.

Next, Sarah Hammer, who lives at 109 High St, was present and states she has lived at her current residence for 5 years. She asks what has changed that has caused this flooding recently. She asks if the drainage needs cleaned and/or the creek need dredged. Mrs. Tumblin states that Zanesville has been nice enough to come down with their vac truck & help with the lines and catch basins. They have hit China, Cemetery, Mill, Wilson, South State streets and 93. Washington St is next. Elizabeth St is going to need a lot of work to be repaired. She states as far as the creeks, nothing has changed except now after the flooding there is more debris in the

creek. Mrs. Tumblin states the village is doing everything we can to get things cleaned up and fixed. She has reached out to multiple agencies to try and find a solution.

Next, Floyd Reed states he brought something to the mayor's attention regarding an article he read about the retention ponds outside of Rosefarm built by Ralph Allen back in the day. He states that he had heard that the Army Corp Engineers had it rerouted it back to Crooksville, and that's why we are getting hit with so much flooding. He states he doesn't know if there is any truth to it but that he says it makes sense.

Next up, Julie, a resident from Star St, asks if we get a lot of snow this winter, how is it going to affect the village with all the water already here. She asks if we are prepared for something like that if it happens. Mrs. Tumblin states that our guys are working on jetting out the storm drains and catch basins. She has been in touch with the EMA and ODOT for help with some of the bigger debris in the creeks that our guys can't get to. Julie also asks about the update with people that have lost their homes regarding the water bill. Mrs. Tumblin states that if they are not going to rebuild, they can come to the water office and do a permanent abandonment. If they are going to rebuild, they must come to the water office as well and do a temporary abandonment which has to be done for at least 6 months. It would bring it down to $10 for water and $10 for sewer.

Up next, Mr. Hampton asks about the Water Shed project funding is coming along. Mayor Mohler states that Natural Resources sent a letter of request that we need to fill out and submit it back to them. Mr. Redfern asks if we are awarded that, if it interferes with any other funding we may receive. Mayor Mohler states that it would not be from what he was told by the engineer. He states it has a maximum match of 25%. We would need to get permission from everyone along the Moxahala Creek. They state we need to get surrounding areas and communities to help do their parts in helping clean the creeks. They could apply for the funding as well.

Next, Mr. Redfern states he received a call from David Schneider from Perry Soil & Water. He asked Mr. Redfern if the flood plain opportunity to raise the house on China St, would that be profitable for the homeowners and the village if we could get some kind of assistance from the federal government. Mr. Hampton states he thinks that it is a no brainer if we can get assistance. Mrs. Tumblin states that we are still waiting for the federal government to come in with FEMA.

Mr. Redfern asks if there are any ideas on how many catch basins have been cleaned out and how many need repaired. Mrs. Tumblin states that yes, they are documenting it all; she just doesn't have those numbers at this moment. Mr. Redfern also states that he spoke to David Schneider regarding the China St phase 2 & 3 storm water that we had engineered. Mayor Mohler states that we have phase 2 engineered, not phase 3. The gentleman would like to have copies of the phase we have so they can try and get us help and move forward in this project.

Mr. Redfern also states that he has had phone calls from residents from Mohican and Delaware Dr. about their storm water drainage. He states the issue is that the Village has never accepted the storm water drainage from that housing development. The problem lays with the homeowner and what used to be their Homeowners Association, which they no longer have. They feel they shouldn't have to pay the storm water fee. Mrs. Tumblin states that she still sends our guys out there when they call with issues. Mayor Mohler states that it has been talked about before and

what needs to happen is that they need to give us an easement where the storm drain is. Mr. Loomis states that when Mr. Redfern was mayor, they tried, and the homeowners wouldn't let them on their property to do so. Mr. Redfern states that there are new owners now. Ms. McKinney states to get her names of everyone on that line, and she will go out and talk to them about an easement for a right of way. Mayor Mohler states those people need to call the office so we can get a work order in.

Mr. Redfern asks if we can get a requested proposal for the lighting at the park. Mrs. Tumblin states that we have no money in the park & pool fund right now. He states that maybe we could apply for a grant. He states we should get a quote we could have a "shovel ready project". Mrs. Tumblin states she will do whatever the Council as a whole would like her to do, but at this time, it would still go to the bottom of the list. She has so many other things that need done. She states that lighting at the park is not a necessity. It is a want rather than a need, and right now the Village needs to continue to recover from the flood.

Next, Ms. McKinney asked if the Perry County Health Department could come spray again for us for mosquitos. Mrs. Tumblin states she will find out.

Ms. McKinney asked if AA Auto could maybe help find a dump truck. Mrs. Tumblin stated that we bought one truck from him but not sure if he does commercial equipment.

Mayor Mohler states that the Fall Fest is this Saturday from 12-6:00pm at the park.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.

Chris Mohler
Mayor

Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer