Village of Crooksville

Council Workshop Meeting

October 12, 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, Chief Newlon asked if council had the chance to looked at the pictures that were taken of the creeks that he had taken. He states that they did about 3 miles of the creeks. He states that there were at least 5 complete obstructions between Industrial Dr and the Hangout. From 669 to Industrial Drive there were at least 3 obstructions. He said there was so much sediment that he would have to get out and drag the kayak because it wouldn't float and then right passed it would be deeper than his 10ft paddle. He states it is going to be an issue if we get more rain and to open them up is going to take a lot more than what the Village has. Mayor Mohler states that they sent in the Letter of Interest to the USDA, they acknowledged and accepted it. He states they want to send people down to get pictures and do what the Chief had just done. Chief Newlon states that the one picture he has passed around is Burley Run, right before Moxahala is completely blocked by about 12 feet of debris. Mayor Mohler states they may be able to reach out to the railroad and have them clean that out again. Chief Newlon states that also about 20-30 ft up the creek it is completely blocked off again. Mr. Redfern asked if anyone had been in contact with Dave Schneider with Perry Soil & Water. Chief Newlon states that yes, and he received all the pictures that the council have just looked at.

Next up, Chief Newlon states that their new fire truck is in there possession, but its not in service. He states that the radios and lettering will be coming Thursday or Friday. He also states that when they put water in it and let it set for 24 hours, it leaks. They investigated it and found that there is some kind of putty or silicone they put on it to fix it, and he emailed the lady and let her know it was unacceptable and needed to be fixed. He states that it is a fitting under the tank. She forwarded all the information to the shop manager, and he should be reaching out to the Chief tomorrow.

Next, Mayor Mohler states the reply from the USDA was that once they receive the pictures that they will come out and inspect all the sites to check for eligibility. Once they decide eligibility, the only other decision will be to discuss with administration which kind of contract it will be. The USDA will have to put in a request at National Headquarters and they decide whether to approve it. The funding will come out of their own funding and headquarters manages the funds for all the projects. They will let us know when funding is available.

Next up, Chief Alexander states that insurance has finally come in for all 3 police vehicles. He asked for ideas on what the council wants to do for replacements. He asked about a lease and about ordering a radio for "new" police car. Mayor Mohler stated we could look into that.

Next, Mr. Redfern had an update on the list of homes to be demolished. He stated that 8 of the 20 have been turned in and submitted to the county. He also states that he checked with ODOT about the Industrial Dr sidewalk and the completion date is now 2028 and the price is over $1,250,000.00.

Executive session.

Out of executive session.

Mr. Redfern states that he would like the Perry County Commissioners to have the pictures that the Fire Department took of the creeks. He states they are in more contact with our state officials than we are.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.

Chris Mohler
Mayor

Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer