Village of Crooksville

Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2026

Call to Order and Attendance

Mayor Chris Mohler called the meeting to order. Council members present were Mr. Hampton, Mr. Locke, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Redfern, and Ms. Smith. Ms. McKinney was absent. Village Administrator Lacey Tumblin and Fiscal Officer Courtney Edwards were also present.

EMS Introductions

Alex "AJ" Brokaw introduced himself as a Firefighter II and paramedic. He reported that he would have 17 years of fire service experience in November, works for the Bethesda Fire Department and Noble County EMS, and resides in Cumberland. His appointment was to be placed on the following Monday's agenda.

Aneaus Curtis introduced himself as a basic EMT residing in Zanesville. He reported that he works for Genesis Community Ambulance and completed EMT training after approximately four years of dispatch work. His appointment was also to be placed on the following Monday's agenda.

Bruce Brannon, who was listed on the agenda to discuss disaster relief and the alley behind the post office, was not present.

Flood Recovery Update

Mrs. Tumblin's main focus tonight is to update the Council on repairs to Village facilities and the replacement or repair of flood-damaged vehicles and equipment.

Police Department: Drywall and painting are complete, and flooring work is expected to begin around early November. The department was expected to move back into its space after the flooring was completed. The building proof of loss had been submitted, and contents coverage remained pending.

Administration Offices: The upstairs carpet had developed raised and warped areas following the flood. Mrs. Tumblin attributed the damage to humidity from the flooded lower level and expressed concern about continued deterioration and eventually becoming tripping hazards. She reported that flood coverage had been denied because the upstairs flooring was not directly contacted by floodwater, while regular insurance coverage had been denied because the damage was flood-related. Lavy's quote for vinyl laminate flooring was slightly more than $19,000. The flooring will be brought for formal approval next week.

Mrs. Tumblin also discussed repainting the upstairs offices, noting the condition of the walls and the difficulty of cleaning the existing flat paint. Two quotes had been obtained for the upstairs areas, excluding Council Chambers and the Mayor's office: one for just under $15,000 and another for $6,644.80. The painting quote will be brought for formal approval next week.

Tim's Building at 22 China Street. Equipment and materials are being relocated to the Beaumont building following extensive flood losses. Insurance proceeds were being used to prepare that building, including installation of a new HVAC unit. The relocation was intended to reduce the risk of another loss at the flooded location. Food pantry items stored at the Beaumont building would need to be relocated. Heather had contacted Dean Grimmett, who was working to find another storage location.

Service Garage. SERVPRO had removed damaged wall materials. Drywall replacement and painting remained to be completed, and replacement of tools had begun.

Old Municipal Building. Mrs. Tumblin is working with Donald Pinto on the proposed demolition. A meeting is anticipated that week to obtain a price for removing the documents from the building. Flood recovery was the main reason for the delayed work on this project.

Recreation Center. SERVPRO has completed cleanup. Restroom restoration remains necessary before reopening, which is hoped to occur within approximately a month.

Vehicles and Equipment

Insurance payments had been received for the damaged vehicles except for one police vehicle. Mrs. Tumblin reported the following replacement and repair work:

- Tim's Toyota Tacoma had been replaced with a Hyundai Santa Cruz; Jamie's Tacoma had been replaced with a GMC; and Rodney's Ford F-150 had been replaced with another F-150.
- The replacement dump truck had been inspected and was reported to be in excellent condition. A plow, bed, and strobe light were being installed, with pickup expected within a few weeks.
- The Village retained and repaired its jet truck at a cost of approximately $6,000. It was running at the time of the meeting.
- The bucket truck had been replaced. The Village bought back the damaged truck for $300 and planned to seek approval the following week to sell it through GovDeals.
- The Kubota tractor had been replaced using full replacement-value coverage. The damaged tractor was retained for possible repair.
- Three damaged police vehicles were expected to be picked up by the following day.
- The mosquito sprayer had been repaired thanks to George.

Mr. Hampton asked about the Salt Dog equipment. Mrs. Tumblin reported that it had remained out of the water and was undamaged. She also reported that the valve exerciser had been submerged and that George was working on it.

Storm Drainage and Creek Cleanup

Mr. Redfern asked about continued use of equipment from Holmes County and Zanesville for storm drain cleaning. Mrs. Tumblin reported that Holmes County had agreed to allow the Village to retain its jet truck until the Village's repaired truck was confirmed to be operating reliably, provided the borrowed truck was stored in a heated building. She also acknowledged Zanesville crews for assisting the Village for three weeks.

Regarding creek cleanup, Chief Newlon reported that he was waiting for a scheduled date. Mr. Redfern suggested contacting Solicitor Jan Baughman to determine ownership of the old railroad bridge, noting remaining debris and pieces that could continue to fall. Chief Newlon identified that location as one of the blocked areas.

Mr. Redfern also requested consideration of the next phase of the China Street stormwater drainage project, citing rising costs. Mayor Mohler described Phase 2 as extending from the edge of PCC to the creek, with the southward portion extending from the bottom of the alley between Taylor and Hull streets. Phase 3 was described as extending from Taylor Street north to the corporate limit.

Mr. Hampton supported the drainage work but favored prioritizing creek cleanup. Mr. Redfern stated that the projects could proceed together because different funding sources were available. Mrs.

Tumblin noted other major projects already in progress, including the water booster station, Fairview Heights, and replacement of the water main from Burr Oak.

Mr. Redfern asked where the Village's responsibility for the Burr Oak water line begins. Council members stated that the Village is responsible for its line, and Mayor Mohler said he would need to consult the map to identify the boundary. Mrs. Tumblin emphasized that replacement was necessary because flooding had washed out surrounding material and left the line exposed and extremely vulnerable.

Fire Department

Chief Newlon requested that Engine 213 be placed on the surplus agenda so it could be sold. He also reported that the department had received the boat that day. In response to Mayor Mohler's question about the water tank on the new Engine 213, Chief Newlon stated that he had referred the matter to Solicitor Baughman after being unable to resolve it and planned to follow up with her the next week.

Community Events

Mrs. Tumblin reported that crews had begun installing Christmas lights at the park. The Christmas parade is scheduled for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

The Veterans Day parade is scheduled for November 7 at 11:00 a.m., with a luncheon from noon to 2:00 p.m. The route was to begin on Buckeye Street in front of the municipal building, proceed to Main Street, and continue along South State Street to the VFW.

Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Chris Mohler, Mayor

Courtney Edwards

Courtney Edwards, Fiscal Officer