

Village of Crooksville
Council Workshop Meeting
July 27, 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, Earl Saunders was present to discuss the alley behind Certified. He states it's a 15ft alley and would like the Council to vacate it. This would make it much easier for him to sell the property. He owns the land on either side of it. He will bring a copy of the deed to Lacey. Mrs. Tumblin states that when he brings in the deed, then we will get everything printed up to give it to Jan. Mr. Redfern states that he thinks it will need surveyed before we get rid of it.

Next up, Chief Newlon states that he called about the Fire Truck today, and there is still no update at all. He states they said they have been busy.

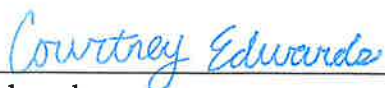
Next up, several EMS staff were present, first up was Jasmine White, an EMT basic from the fire department, she states that some of them have been back for a year and there are a lot of sacrifices that come with this job only making \$11.50/hr. She states that they need an end date for when this is possible to get a raise. She states that \$15/hr. is not even competitive, but she knows they are still growing, and it is something they can look at in the future as they grow. Lynn Dalrymple was also present; she stated that 19 years have passed since they started, and it was \$8/hr. then and is only \$11.50/hr. now. Amber Newlon was also present, and states she wanted to put it into perspective for the council. She states that if she works one 8-hour shift a month, after taxes she clears between \$72-74. She states that she doesn't even cover the duty pants that she is required to wear on her shift. That's not including the boots or the belt. She states that she knows that council can't make things happen overnight, but she feels like whenever they try to make a move or a motion that they get pushed back by the council. They asked if they had brought in more money since they have been back in August. Mayor Mohler states that the revenue that was collected through Medicoount and insurance payments July 27, 2025, was \$126,716.87. Through July 27, 2026, it is \$106,142.73. a decrease of \$20,574. Mayor Mohler states that he understands and that everyone on council understands, but the problem is money. They asked about full-time staff. He states that if they did that then they would have to be put on insurance benefits also and that's more money. He states that we are at the wrong meeting. He states that townships refuse to put it on the ballot. Lynn states because they have another levy on. Mayor Mohler states that it is a cemetery levy. He states that the cemetery is still important, but we are working off a 1994 fire levy. They pay us \$74,000 a year to operate. He states that we have spent about \$400,000 in the last 90 days putting good equipment on the road for them. Mayor Mohler also shares a deeper dive into the finances. He states that in 2025 our total revenue was \$303,338.95; total expenditure was \$255,186.94. We made \$48,152. Currently through today, we are -\$2000. Our revenue is \$202,776.51 and expenditures are \$204,000. Asst

Fire Chief James Baker was present and stated that the village has paid next to nothing into the fire department out of the village funds since 1919. The only two things he can remember are the workers comp and the stipends. He went on for a lengthy discussion about where funds come from and the history of that. He states lifeguards get paid \$11/hr. and police get paid \$15/hr. Mayor Mohler states that he will reach out to Jan to see if they can pay EMS out of Income Tax. Mr. Redfern states that he would like to give them a raise at what New Lex is doing. He states that they are required to have 40, 60, or over 90 hours of continuing education based on your level of training. He states they pay out of pocket for their fuel to get there and back, and that's a hidden cost that we don't see. He states that we should pay their hourly rate of \$20 per hour, fuel expenses, and every hour of the continuing education that they are required to take. Chief Newlon states he doesn't agree with paying for continuing education because we could pay for it, and then they can turn around and go to a different department that pays more. After further discussion, Lynn Dalrymple exited the meeting due to being upset at how it was going. Mrs. Tumblin states that everyone agrees that they need a raise. It's just a matter of how to figure out the amount and to ensure that it wouldn't put us in a deeper hole financially. Ms. White asked for a follow up meeting in a couple of weeks. Mrs. Tumblin states her opinion is that we take August and come up with actual numbers we can agree on and then revisit in September. The EMS members that were still present agreed to that and said that they are walking out of this meeting with a plan in place so that is satisfying for them.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.



Chris Mohler
Mayor



Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer