

Village of Crooksville
Council Workshop Meeting
August 24, 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, Courtney Edwards and Jan Baughman were also present.

First up on the agenda, Mrs. Tumblin states that there are a lot of people at the meeting this evening and some have put their names on the agenda so we will run down that list first. Dustin Fisher to discuss Summit St was not present.

Next, Cowboy Dave was present to discuss what he does as an outsider in this town. He goes into these areas that have been devastated by disaster and tries to help the residents that have been affected. He asked for a spot to relocate the supply center that he had at the Family Dollar. There had been questions and concerns throughout the community regarding him and his supply center for the flood victims. Denise DiYanni spoke up and stated that he was making this all about him and not the town that has lost so much.

Next, Thomas Barnett was present to speak on his mother's behalf (Sandra Barnett) She lives at 123 China St. She has now lost her trailer due to the flooding. He states that his mother was going to be charged for the minimum water bill even though she can't stay there anymore. Mrs. Tumblin states that the water office was doing what they are told per the Ordinance. He asks that if someone can make a motion to suspend that Ordinance. He asks why charge a fee when these people are going through something so traumatic. That it is heartless. Mr. Redfern asks if they were able to give relief, how long would he feel the relief continue. He states that he asks that because, Crooksville still must pay bills as well. Mr. Barnett asks Mrs. Tumblin to explain the temporary abandonment and a full abandonment. She did and Mr. Redfern asks if he understands the information she explained. He states that he does but still doesn't agree with having to pay when nothing is there. Mr. Hampton states maybe we could give a 6-month disaster relief for the people who have been affected. They will revisit this the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Next up, Craig Bell, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was present to discuss they are bringing 200 people to help residents in the community this Saturday. He is asking for some direction on where to go and where do they start. He states they can bring their own food trailer but would need some restrooms. Mrs. Tumblin gave him one of her cards so they can keep in touch and get a plan going. Mayor Mohler states that the United Way will be in the Village Park to unload 300 boxes of food and cleaning supplies that they will need help with. Mr. Bell states they will be here on Saturday.

Next, Amy Sowards states she was born and raised in Roseville. Her parents are still there. She states that her concern is the Non-profit and the documentation for donations. She states that Cowboy Dave has been to the Roseville School to pick up donations, but the problem is that

Dave gets on social media and states that he has been given so many donations and to keep them coming. She states that Pastor Paula Caton in Roseville states that he just picked up all the donations and is taking credit that people are bringing those donations to him. She states he's giving misinformation out to the public. Stating certain times that he told the public that he is the only place open to get supplies. She states that individuals have stated they had given him money and gift cards. They want to know where those have gone. She states they had a conversation with a man from another disaster area that says Cowboy Dave is a scam. She doesn't believe he should be here. She also wanted to share that the Roseville Legion opened a separate account at People's Bank so they can donate cash and gift cards. She is asking about the Community Bank Flood Relief Fund that was opened. Mayor Mohler stated that it must be a 501C3 non-profit.

Next up, Denise DiYanni was present. She asked if the council could release to the public how much is in the Flood Relief Fund and where it's going and keep people in the loop. Mayor Mohler stated that he had been discussing it with the president of the bank starting August 12th. By September 14th the village had our auditors approve that option so the bank could set it up. He states that as the president of the Clay Valley Foundation, he believes it will be as simple as money in and money out. If we get \$35,000 at the cut off time and we have 35 applicants, then it will get divided equally between the applicants. Mrs. Tumblin stated that the information that was put out on social media stating that it was going to the EMA was not correct. Mrs. DiYanni states that she went online and to the bank and did everything she could to correct that information. She states she has nothing to gain from any of this. She says she is doing it for the people. She says these people have no voice and are scared and fearful to speak up. She wants to know where the storm water utility fund that has been added to the bills since 2019, where has that money went. She states we are in a housing crisis and need to figure out how to get land and build housing for low-income households, the creeks are a disaster, and the donation center to be temporary housing. She states that she has been working her ass off and speaking to the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, the Foundation for Appalachia, and the Perry County Community Foundation. She states she just wants to help people. She states she's going to keep coming here and requesting for all the paper trails. She says it should have never flooded again. That we should have had grants that cleaned it up the last time so that it wouldn't have flooded this time.

Next, Tom Gough is present. He states that he is amazed at the community and how they have pulled together to help everyone. He moved here for a new beginning. He praised Cowboy Dave and states he was one of the first people to help him during this devastation.

Chase Bennett from Perry Co Commissioners' Office, he wanted to let people Multi Agency Resource Center available (MARC) a one stop shop in Roseville for all 3 counties to get help. He states if you have lost your vehicle due to the flooding, call the Perry County Transit, they are offering free transportation services.

Next up, Misty Reed states that she lost everything that was in her business building, but she had moved into her mom's house on Sand St. The insurance isn't covering anything, and all the agencies are telling her they can't help her. She was asking if anyone had any other suggestions. The council suggested Samaritans Purse to help clean and take away the drywall that's damaged.

She stated they are coming tomorrow to dry the basement.

Next, Austin Allen, the owner of AA Auto, was present to ask what he needs to do to get his building torn down and put up a small shed for his business due to the damage of the flooding. He was told to come into the office and fill out paperwork. The council has no problem with him setting up his new building if he comes in to fill out the paperwork.

Next up, Doreen Riggle, was present to complain about the clean out on Snake Hollow Rd. She stated that she took Mr. Redfern up the road and showed him all the water. She states that Mr. Mayor told her 2 years ago that he would have the ditches cleaned out. She states that no one cares about Snake Hollow and what are they waiting on. Mrs. DiYanni states that she thinks all these volunteers that are coming into town should do that. Mrs. Tumblin stated we can't just have random people doing certain jobs that they aren't qualified to do. She also states that the best way to get the guys out to check on something that needs done is to call the Administration building so we can make up a work order and send the guys out. Mrs. Tumblin states that Mrs. DiYanni was upset that she didn't drop what she was doing to get a records request for her in that moment when she walked into her office. She told her that we have a reasonable amount of time to get those records to her and that the Village was going through one of its worst moments since the 1950's. Mrs. DiYanni states that wasn't the case and that she wasn't upset.

Up next, Bill Glass was present and stated that if people want to know what's going on in town, then come to the council meetings and ask. Not to be looking on social media. He asked about how the creeks work as far as being cleaned out. The ODNR, private property owners, engineers, and the village are all involved in that process. Amy Sowards states that she has a general contractor that is willing to come down to Crooksville with bobcats and dump trucks to scoop up the debris and get it cleaned up. He has 35 years' experience and is an expert in drainage. He works for Muskingum County. He went to Lake Isabella with his equipment last week to dredge and help them clean up. He is licensed, bonded and insured. She can provide the council his contact information.

Next, Julie, a resident of the village, asked what they are going to do with debris that's been left that the National Guard didn't pick up. Mrs. Tumblin stated where the dumpsters are located throughout the village for people to use. ODOT has pulled out and is done doing the curb side pick-up.

Next, Cindy Harper is a resident of the village and wanted to thank Denise DiYanni for all she has done for the community.

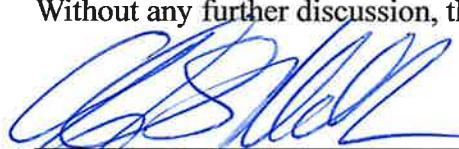
Next up, Lynn Dalrymple asked what the creek clean up intention is to fix it. Mrs. DiYanni asked when the storm water utility study was done in 2017, what was the recommendations from that study. Mr. Redfern states that RCAP did the study. Their study was to try to help fund the storm water projects in the town. There are no storm water drainage maps anywhere except when we did the sewer system and any time they came across a drain and documented that. There was a lengthy discussion on the creek and what needs done and how things should be handled and ideas of what could have been done.

Up next, Mrs. Tumblin states that we did get the Flood Relief Fund set up. Mrs. Baughman states that it is recommended that the village partner with a 501C3 non-profit organization. Mrs. Tumblin passed out some different ideas about what the flood application would look like. Mrs. DiYanni states that if the Village tried to use the non-profit organization, Clay Valley Foundation, wouldn't it be a conflict of interest if the mayor is the president of that foundation. Mrs. Baughman states that you can also establish a particular board for the Flood Relief Fund. The people on a non-profit organization are not benefitting personally from their board work. They are not paid, there is a process for any conflicts, and it is not a soul decision by one person, it would be a board established. A person in the audience states that if the village was trying to keep the Flood Relief Fund only for Crooksville, that the mayor happens to be the president of, (Clay Valley Foundation), but people all over have donated. She states that she would absolutely ask for a full accounting for every single contributor of where that money came from. Chief Newlon states that the fund was originally set up for only Crooksville but the donations ended up coming in from everywhere so he states they would have to call the bank. Another resident states she doesn't see an issue of the mayor being the president when there is a paper trail of what money goes in and comes out. Another states that donors had called the Community Bank, and an employee told them that it was opened to all of Perry County. She states for someone to call the bank to verify. Mrs. Baughman stated that we will. The deadline for the first round for the Flood Financial Application is set for September 15, 2026. Mrs. Baughman asks how they want to do the board. They agree to have the Clay Valley Foundation to receive applications and make decisions and set up a board specifically for the Flood Relief Fund and include members from the foundation and the bank, etc.

Next, Mrs. Tumblin stated that there has been talk about the penalties and shut offs for the utility bills. She states that moving forward, she suggested they wouldn't do shut offs for August and September. Mr. Loomis stated that also in a couple weeks they need to discuss those bills for people that are displaced because of the flooding.

Next up, Mrs. Tumblin stated that due to the housing issues due to flooding, she asks about people possibly staying on their property in campers. The council stated they are fine with that but to come to the office to get a permit. They would be looking at a 6-month period. If someone needs longer than that, they will re look at it at that time. The permit fee can be waived. She also asks about the ordinance that trailers that are on Main and China St, once they are removed, are they still not able to replace it with another trailer, as per ordinance, or because it was a natural disaster are they able to do so. The council agrees they are fine with it if it is 10 years or newer.

Without any further discussion, the meeting is adjourned.



Chris Mohler
Mayor



Courtney Edwards
Fiscal Officer