

Village of Rothbury
Council Meeting
March 21, 2023

The Village Council meeting was opened at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall by President Vern Talmadge.

Trustees present were: Autumn Drake, Jim Fekken, Mike Harris, Brandy Williams and Dylan Zuniga. Denise Kurdziel was absent.

Also attending the meeting: Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Tom Hasper, Sgt. Ethan Walker, New Era Police Chief Roy Strait, Dan Zuniga, DPW Director Scott Beishuizen, Bob Fulljames, Chris Oracz, Al and Julie Trevino, Barb Thompson, Harold Drake, Maxwell ?, Olympia ?, Connor McKeown.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by the President.

Harris made a motion, seconded by Williams, to accept the previous minutes as presented.

The treasurer gave the monthly report.

Chief Hasper gave the monthly police report.

Harris made a motion, seconded by Zuniga to adopt the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Zuniga made a motion, seconded by Fekken, to adopt the 2023-2024 Major Street Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Williams made a motion, seconded by Harris, to adopt the 2023-2024 Local Street Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Drake made a motion, seconded by Fekken, to approve a \$3.00 per hour raise for the police officers and a \$2.00 per hour raise for the DPW worker. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Planning Chairman Mike Harris gave a report on funding available through the county for blight abatement. He will follow up and report back to the council.

DPW Director Scott Beishuizen will advertise for bids for the 88th Avenue reconstruction and bring them to the April council meeting for opening.

Brandy Williams reported that the plans are in place for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th. The Easter Bunny will be arriving by firetruck courtesy of Grant Township Fire Department.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Fekken to allow Recreation Director Brandy Williams to purchase banners, swings, etc. as needed. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Harris made a motion, seconded by Drake, to pay the bills. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

RCC Director Deb Murphy gave a report on increasing activities at the Community Center. She followed a referral given to her by Denise

Kurdziel which led to a much lower bid for a commercial refrigerator for the bar area.

Motion by Fekken, seconded by Harris to purchase a refrigerator from Charney Commercial for the Rothbury Community Center. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Witzke
Rothbury Village Clerk