

Village of Rothbury Council Meeting
April 18, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rothbury Village Council was opened at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall by President Vern Talmadge with Autum Drake, Jim Fekken, Mike Harris, Denise Kurdziel, Brandy Williams, and Dylan Zuniga present.

Also in attendance were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Tom Hasper, Sgt. Ethan Walker, Scott Beishuizen, Bob Fulljames, Vaughn White of Valley City Metals, Doug Roesler, Roy Strait, Chad Cheeks and Luke Sass of Madison House, Chris Oracz, Jayne Silvers, Dan Zuniga, Julie Trevino, Harold Drake and Don McCormick.

The pledge of allegiance was given by those present.

Harris made a motion, seconded by Williams, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Deb Murphy gave the monthly treasurer's report.

Police Chief Hasper reported on activities for the month which included an Electric Forest informational meeting. Chad Cheeks introduced himself to Council and expressed his opinion that things are progressing well for the Electric Forest. There won't be a lot of changes from last year other than a shift to more upgraded camping experiences. He and Luke Sass are looking forward to this year's event and grateful for more open communications with the Village. Chad willingly answered questions from Council.

Sgt. Walker reported on progress in obtaining a new patrol vehicle. The vehicle will go to the outfitter as soon as it is delivered, possibly as soon as the end of April.

Vaughn White updated the Council on activities at Valley City Metals Rothbury Plant. They currently have approximately 20 full-time employees.

Scott Beishuizen informed the Council of work being done to eradicate the beaver from Little Wildcat Lake and Carlton Creek. An agreement has been reached with the Oceana County Drain Commissioner in which the Drain District will pay for a screen and the Village will pay to maintain it to keep the proper flow of water under 80th Ave.

Scott Beishuizen also explained that he had sent out bid specifications to 3 companies for work on 88th Ave. 2 bids were received. Those bids were from White Lake Excavating and Asphalt Paving. President Talmadge opened the bids.

Asphalt Paving\$179,000.00

W.L. Excavating.....\$173,870.00

Motion by Drake, seconded by Zuniga to award the contract for the work on 88th Ave. to White Lake Excavating for \$173,870.00. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Brandy Williams reported on another successful Easter Egg Hunt this year. She showed Council some of the designs she is checking for Welcome banners.

Harris made a motion, seconded by Drake to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Zuniga made a motion, seconded by Harris to renew the MML Liability and Property Pool Insurance for \$11,224.00. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Deb Murphy reported on progress in obtaining a refrigerator for the bar area of the RCC.

Event Administrator Doug Roesler agreed with the Police Chief and Chad Cheeks that things were progressing well with the plans for the Electric Forest. He had no concerns to bring to the council at this time.

Drake made a motion, seconded by Zuniga to contribute \$185.00 toward the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program of the Mason-Lake Conservation District. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

HHW collection day will be in Hart on August 19, 2023. The Village will inform the public in several ways including by putting a notice on the signboard in front of the Village Hall.

The Ordinance Committee will meet to explore options for an updated ORV ordinance.

Public comment.

The Village Clerk announced her plans to retire soon.

Meeting stood adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Witzke
Rothbury Village Clerk