

## Village of Rothbury Council Meeting May 16, 2023

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

Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Tom Hasper, Sgt. Ethan Walker, Vaughn White, Barbara Thompson, Doug Roesler, Chris Oracz, Jayne Silvers, Julie Trevino, Bill Wagner, Luke Sass, Harold Drake, Dan Zuniga, Amy and Ana Pumford, Eliza Tomo, Olivia Roesler, David Mers, Eli Harold, Trevor Torino, Abby Dyer, Isaiah Towne, and Myrranda Moore.

Motion by Harris, second by Drake to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Deb Murphy gave the monthly treasurer's report.

Police Chief Hasper reported to the council on department activities for the month which included a stakeholder's meeting for the Electric Forest Festival.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris reported that the ordinance committee would be working on an ordinance to address ORV traffic on village streets. He reported on plans by Valley City Metals to apply for a grant through the Oceana County Land Bank. The planning commission

is recommending that the council issue a resolution of support for the application.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Fekken to adopt a resolution of support for Valley City Metals Rothbury Plant's application for a grant from the Oceana County Land Bank. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Vern Talmadge gave a report for the Public Works Dept. White Lake Excavating is expected to complete the 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. project before the Electric Forest. The trapping of beavers continues on Wildcat Lake. A total of 5 have been captured to date. The fencing at the Czarny Field needs to be replaced.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Williams to allow Scott Beishuizen the authority to purchase the new fencing. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams reported that Memorial Day ceremonies would be held as usual. The new banners have arrived.

Deb Murphy reported that the RCC custodian has retired.

Event Coordinator Doug Roesler reported that all is quiet and well organized so far.

Luke Sass, representing Madison House, reminded everyone about the website [neighbors@electricforestfestival.com](mailto:neighbors@electricforestfestival.com).

EGL is continuing to drill wells in the Village.

Harris made a motion, seconded by Fekken to pay the MML Worker's Compensation Insurance premium of \$1698.00. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Public comment.

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

Talmadge made a motion, seconded by Drake to hire Brandy Williams as  
Deputy Clerk at a rate of \$25.00/hour. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1  
abstain, Williams.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Witzke  
Rothbury Village Clerk