

**Village of Rothbury**  
January 20, 2026  
Council Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rothbury Village Council was called to order in the Village Hall by President Vern Talmadge.

Council members present were Autum Drake, Mike Harris, Jim Fekken, Denise Kurdziel, Troy Voorhees and Dylan Zuniga. Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Ethan Walker, DPW Director Scott Beishuizen, Oceana County Commissioner Robert Walker and Bryan VanNett.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the prior meetings minutes were approved as presented.

Deb Murphy gave the monthly Treasurers report.

Chief Walker presented the monthly police report.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris reviewed the proposed land split from the last planning commission meeting and advised it would be forwarded on to the site plan review committee for further approval.

Zoning administrator Mike Harris mentioned some violations including unlicensed vehicles and a roof caving in on a mobile home.

Denise Kurdziel and Scott Beishuizen presented the latest from Prein and Newhof regarding the grant proceedings for Czarny Field. Playground options were presented to the council.

Motion by Autum Drake to move forward with option 2 for the proposed grant plans, was seconded by Mike Harris. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion by Dylan Zuniga to proceed with option 2 for the playground structure and equipment, seconded by Jim Fekken. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

RCC Director Deb Murphy gave the monthly update on the Community Center, and that we were looking at pricing for replacement of the ceiling for the next fiscal year.

DPW Director Scott Beishuizen commented on the continuing snow removal, the ongoing issues and repair with the blinking light in town, and that he was working on budget items for the upcoming budget.

Motion by Autum Drake to pay the bills, with support from Mike Harris. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

President Talmadge informed the council that the online academy for elected officials, as well as one for planning commissioners were available if interested.

President Talmadge also noted that the proposed annexation of two parcels into the Village limits is on the agenda at the county board meeting for February 12.

Meeting adjourned 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Williams  
Clerk