

Village of Rothbury  
Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rothbury Village Council was called to order in the Village hall at 7:00 PM 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, Deputy Clerk Carol Witzke, Chief Walker, Chad Cheek, Luke Sass and Rita Kobylski from the Electric Forest Festival, Cliff Cudney, Theresa Briggs, Barb Thompson, Jayne Silvers, Trevin Silvers, Chris Oracz, Stephanie Tallquist, Vaughn White from Valley City Metals, Lisa Armstrong, Julie Trevino, Al Trevino, Cynthia Grossman, David Day, Patricia Day, Nichole Kleiner, Phil Morse, Curtis Burdette.

The prior meetings minutes were approved by the council as presented.

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly treasurers report, advising that our annual audit is scheduled for July 10 and 11.

Chief Walker gave the monthly police report and updated on the installation of the new camera system for the 2024 Police Tahoe with early August being the first possible installation date.

Part-time officers who have worked for us previously are working during the festival and are going to be used to fill vacant shifts in the Village going forward.

Mike Harris gave the council an update on the planning commission and reviewed the last meeting informing that the construction will begin on the addition to the Rothbury Community Church.

Brandy Williams asked the Council to approve the addition of a Garden Club for the Village of Rothbury, and to allocate a portion of the Recreation funds to help get it started. Lisa Armstrong will be leading the club and will bring out a more detailed plan of how to beautify our Village once the council approves.

Motion made by Mike Harris, seconded by Autum Drake to approve the addition of the Garden Club and allocation of Recreation funds.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

Brandy Williams also updated the council on the grant application for Czarny Park and Field stating that it is in its final stages.

Deb Murphy gave the RCC update informing that the hall is booked up for the rest of the summer.

Motion by Mike Harris to pay the bills, with support from Denise Kurdziel.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

Vaughn White from Valley City Metals addressed the council regarding a resolution of support for a grant from EGLE to begin work on the old foundry.

Motion by Denise Kurdziel, seconded by Jim Fekken to pass a resolution of support for Mr. White's grant application on behalf of Valley City Metals.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

Brandy Williams read to the council the resolution of support.

Chad Cheek, representative from the Electric Forest Festival addressed the board and community members present. Mr. Cheek gave the history of the Rothbury Festival and the different roles he has played since the inaugural event detailing the progression of how the Festival has evolved into what it has become today. He cited his reasonings for asking for the extension of the Mass Gathering permit with the Village of Rothbury and that the 70,000 attendee capacity at this point is just a dream for the future and not a reality.

Mr. Cheek stated facts, and stats showing the immense contributions to not just our community but to local schools, Grant Township Fire Department, and explained that they do not broadcast their charitable contributions for recognition so they sometimes go unknown. Some questions by the community members were able to be answered providing clarity on whose decision it was to make changes to the neighborhood wristband program.

The governance regarding Green Lawn Trailer Park in the Village limits was discussed, and thanks was given by the board to resident Julie Trevino for bringing attention to the matter. The Village of Rothbury will be, going forward, enforcing ordinances inside of the trailer park. They were given 15 days to submit a plan to The Village as to how they are going to clean it up.

Bill Wagner, Grant Township resident announced to the council and public that he is officially retiring from his position as host of the Village of Rothbury Memorial Day Services. He recommended Ben from the Fire Department take his place.

Chad Cheek invited all present to enjoy pizza he brought from the Festival for everyone in attendance and advised he would stay after the meeting to address any addition questions or concerns.

Meeting adjourned, 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Williams

Clerk