

Village of Rothbury

May 20, 2025

Council Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rothbury Village Council was called to order in the Village Hall at 7:00PM by President Vern Talmadge.

Council members present were Autum Drake, Mike Harris, Denise Kurdziel, Troy Voorhees and Dylan Zuniga. Jim Fekken was absent.

Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Ethan Walker, Sandra Bailey, Mary Ann Canales, Carlos Canales, Bryan Vannett, Tristan Aho, Dale Aho, Jodi Aho, Andy Roberts, Vaughn White, Gunner Smith.

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

Deb Murphy gave the monthly Treasurer's report and presented to council the millage notification from Equalization. The 2025-2026 fiscal year budget was previously approved by council at the previous mil of 5.073. With the updated information from Equalization, the Village of Rothbury has the option to reduce the 2025 mil to 4.9309, and still capture more than the budgeted revenue for the fiscal year due to the increase on taxable values for the properties in the Village and reduce the tax rate for residents at the same time.

Motion by Autum Drake to reduce the mil for 2025 to reduce the current mil from 5.073 to 4.9309, seconded by Mike Harris. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ethan Walker gave the monthly Police report.

Mike Harris updated the council on the latest Planning Commission Meeting, and that Zoning has received communication from the owner of Green Lawn Trailer Park regarding the clean-up action plan.

For the Recreation Department, Brandy Williams asked the council, on behalf of Val Garcia, to allow the softball teams this year to invest the fee for using Czarny Field into improvements to make it playable for this year in lieu of paying the Village a total of \$300. The council agreed.

Brandy Williams updated on the annual Memorial Day services for the Village of Rothbury advising that there has been no response from any participants this year to hold a ceremony after the passing of Bill Wagner who officiated the ceremony for years. There will

be no services held this year but will try to revamp for next year to improve and increase attendance.

Brandy Williams also informed the council that the Village of Rothbury has received an offer from Consumers Energy for an updated easement along the power lines, adding an additional 20 feet on either side. There is a conflict with the DNR and the recently awarded Grant Funding for Czarny Park with the proposal for the easement. The Village attorney as well as Prein & Newhof are working with Consumers Energy and the DNR to find a resolution.

Deb Murphy gave the monthly report on the Rothbury Community Center sharing that it is booked up for the summer.

President Talmadge gave the DPW report in the absence of Scott, letting council know that they are working on some of the irrigation lines.

Brandy Williams briefly discussed the draft of the new Village of Rothbury Employee Handbook that was sent to council for review. It was concluded that it would be revisited next month after everyone has had ample time to suggest any changes.

Motion by Autum Drake to pay the bills, seconded by Mike Harris. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Williams

Clerk