

Village of Rothbury
Council Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2024

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, Jim Fekken, Denise Kurdziel, Troy Voorhees and Dylan Zuniga.

Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Chief Ethan Walker, Doug Roeseler, Chris Oracz, Jayne Silvers, Maryann Canales, Carlos Canales, Harold Drake, Stephanie Tallquist, Steve Salter, Julie Trevino, Andy Roberts, Barb Thompson, Eric Fox, Deanna Fox, Sonya Talmadge and Ryan Good.

After the pledge of allegiance, the previous meetings minutes were approved with an amendment to change "Catholic Church" to "Rothbury Community Church".

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly treasurers report and advised that the annual audit was completed by Brickley Delong last Thursday. Representatives from the audit plan to be present at the September meeting to present to council the results of the audit.

Chief Walker gave the monthly police report, updating on new hires within the department and that the video equipment for the new patrol car is scheduled to be installed July 24 and 25.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris reported on the last Planning Commission meeting and recapped communications from Vaughn White of Valley City Metal on recent updates on plans for the old foundry.

Chief Walker was asked about the Trailer Park Governance and gave his recommendation that communication with legal counsel is preferred to address any legalities on enforcement of ordinances. Council advised Mike Harris to send a certified letter with a copy of the previous letter to the owner of Green Lawn Trailer Park to move forward.

Brandy Williams updated on recreation activities and is considering new street pole flags for the fall and replacing the patriotic flags.

RCC Director Deb Murphy reported that the Community Center needs to be re-keyed for the members room, and that we had hired an exterminator for a recent ant invasion.

Conversation took place regarding the security of the Community Center and that the Village Police Department lacks jurisdiction with the location being in Grant Township and outside of the Village limits. Deb Murphy suggested with support of the council to speak with the attorney to consider annexing the Community Center into the Village of Rothbury.

The newly created Garden Club was not able to be updated, Lisa Armstrong was not in attendance at the meeting, will postpone update until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

President Talmadge informed the council that he spoke to the auditors about forming a Village Foundation to benefit residents. Treasurer Murphy reminded the Council to be cognizant of funds already committed as to not cut ourselves short.

Treasurer Murphy let Council know that there is potential that the Village may be moving to the BS&A cloud, as the office in Bath, Michigan is closing after VC3 acquired it last year.

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

The new zoning map was presented to the council and guests in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Dylan Zuniga, with support from Mike Harris to pay \$184.80 to the Household Hazardous Waste Program as the contribution from the Village of Rothbury. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Williams, Clerk