

Village of Rothbury  
Village Council Meeting  
August 13, 2019

The meeting was opened by President Beishuizen in the Village hall at 7:30 PM. All council members were in attendance.

Also in attendance: Norman and Susan Halbower, Stephanie Talquist, Doug Roesler, Police Chief Tom Hasper, Treasurer Deb Murphy, Jim Rose, attorney for the Double JJ Resort, Kirby Schoen, Double JJ General Manager, Joan Brooks of Grant Township, Harold Drake, Nicole Osborn and Matt Mills of Parmenter Law.

After the pledge of allegiance, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Deb Murphy presented the Treasurer's report to council.

Police Chief Hasper gave the monthly report.

The Mass Gathering Committee gave copies to the council members of their suggestions for an amendment. The focus of the committee was to have an ordinance that would cover any mass gathering but would also accommodate Double JJ's concerns. There was discussion centering on the new midnight deadline for music. It was the consensus of the council to honor previous commitments as to timing of concerts while preventing problems with new applicants. The language setting the infrastructure fee will remain with the Village council. Attorney Matt Mills will work on putting together an amendment to be reviewed at the next council meeting.

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

Deb Murphy reported that the canopy had been fixed at the Community Center.

President Beishuizen explained the concerns of a homeowner on McKinley Road about his lawn after the sidewalk work was finished. No action will be taken.

Double JJ attorney, James Rose, explained the concerns of the ranch management about any amendment to the mass gathering ordinance. He told the council about plans by Madison House of a potential \$3,000,000.00 investment in infrastructure on Ranch property. He explained how important the festival was to the Ranch's future financial stability. When asked about the properties that went to the tax tribunal he explained about declining property values.

Double JJ general manager, Kirby Schoen, talked about the coordination between the county drain commissioner and employee Kris Burns trying to write a grant proposal for work on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Wildcat Lake. The Village has agreed in theory to be the recipient of a grant from the State if it becomes possible.

Meeting stood adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Witzke  
Rothbury Village Clerk