

Village of Rothbury  
Council Meeting  
June 16, 2020

The Village council meeting was called to order by President Scott Beishuizen at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall.

Council members present were Cindy Cruz, Bob Fulljames, Jim Fekken, Mike Harris, and Autum Drake. Absent: Vern Talmadge.

Also present were: Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Tom Hasper, Sargent Ethan Walker, Mark and Nancy Rolf, Barb Thompson, Cliff Cudney, Harold Drake and Mark Nelson.

The minutes of the previous several meetings were accepted as prepared.

Treasurer Deb Murphy presented the monthly treasurer's report.

Fulljames made a motion, seconded by Fekken to move \$4000.00 from Winter Maintenance (202-478-803) to Street Preservation (202-463-801) within the Major Street Budget. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Fulljames made a motion, seconded by Harris to give both Darrell Brown and Bruce Wright a one dollar per hour raise effective June 17, 2020. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Cruz made a motion, seconded by Harris to levy 5.0730 mills for the 2020 tax year. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Drake made a motion, seconded by Fulljames to charge a 1% Property Tax Assessment Fee. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

The clerk presented the fiscal year-end report for 2019-2020.

Police Chief Tom Hasper gave the monthly police report which included an update on blight violations and a discussion about the upcoming Forest Families event at the Double JJ which is scheduled for the last weekend in June.

Nancy Rolf asked the council about waiving the fees for the softball field for this year because of the shortened season. Consensus of council to waive fees.

Drake made a motion, Harris seconded to pay the bills, including the MML Worker's Comp. yearly bill. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Council was updated by Deb Murphy on lack of bookings at the RCC due to COVID-19 restraints. The bar area upgrades are almost completed.

President Beishuizen discussed with council the plans for 6 concrete pads to put the benches and trash cans on along the sidewalk. Morden Construction will be installing them for \$5250.00.

There was consensus of council to allow permit free yards sales over a long 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. An ad will be placed in the local papers.

There was discussion about the Village compost pile which has gotten overrun with brush. President will research methods of removing the excess.

There was discussion of Grant Township's off-road RV ordinance. Jim Fekken told the council that the RVs are not allowed to go over 25 mph along the road right-of-way.

Meeting stood adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Witzke  
Rothbury Village Clerk