

Village of Rothbury Council Meeting

March 19, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rothbury Village Council was called to order in the Village Hall by President Vern Talmadge at 7:00PM, Tuesday March 19, 2024.

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

Also present were, Treasurer Deb Murphy, Deputy Clerk Carol Witzke, Police Chief Tom Hasper, Sargent Ethan Walker, DPW Director Scott Beishuizen, Barbara Marczak from Prein & Newhof, Luke Sass from the Electric Forest Festival, Allison Scarborough, Stephanie Tallquist, Chris Oracz, Jayne Silvers, Carlos Canales, Barb Thompson, Cliff Cudney, Vaughn White, Rob Caniff, Sherri Caniff, Dan Zuniga, Fred Inglis, Laura Krentz.

The prior council meetings minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly Treasurers report.

Motion made by Mike Harris to approve the General Fund Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as presented, seconded by Jim Fekken. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Harris to approve the Major Streets Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as presented, seconded by Dylan Zuniga. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

Motion made by Autum Drake to approve the Local Streets Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as presented, seconded by Mike Harris. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

Chief Hasper gave the monthly police report. Sargent Walker updated council on the camera system for the new patrol vehicle.

Mike Harris gave the monthly Planning Commission update, as well as informed the council of zoning issues being worked through within the Village limits.

DPW Director, Scott Beishuizen gave the monthly DPW report, advising council he has received bids for the chip and seal project.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams shared with council that the Easter Bunny would be arriving at 11:00AM on March 30th to the Village Hall, with the Egg Hunt starting at 11:30AM.

Denise Kurdziel reviewed the revised proposals for the grant application and estimated scoring with the DNR to assess the likelihood of receiving the grant funding the Village intends to apply for. Discussion took place among the council on the three options

presented by Prein & Newhof, with their representative Barbara Marczak answering questions from council.

Public comment was opened for grant application input from the members of the audience.

Denise Kurdziel made a motion to adopt a resolution to proceed with the Trust Fund grant application, with support from Mike Harris. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

President Vern Talmadge read the council the Trust Fund grant resolution.

Denise Kurdziel made a motion to adopt a resolution to proceed with the Passport grant application, seconded by Autum Drake. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

President Vern Talmadge read council the Passport grant resolution.

Motion made by Mike Harris to pay the bills, seconded by Jim Fekken. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

RCC Director Deb Murphy updated the council on hall rentals and advised that some painting had been done at the Community Center. In addition to RCC updates, Deb Murphy informed council that the Oceana County Community Foundation has reached out regarding their Read Early, Read Often program hoping to set up a reading nook in the Village Hall during business hours for a location in the Rothbury area. The council requested more information before deciding.

President Talmadge updated Council on the land purchase agreement for the 10-acre parcel connecting Czarny Park to Carlton Creek.

Treasurer Deb Murphy presented Council with quotes from two trash collection companies to take over curbside home trash collection services for Village Residents at no cost to the residents.

Motion made by Mike Harris, seconded by Denise Kurdziel to move forward with Kuerth's proposal, contingent on trash receptacles being included in the bid price. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

President Talmadge informed council that Prein & Newhof would be updating the Village zoning maps. Mike Harris offered to frame the maps after they are received.

President Talmadge presented council with a quote for a generator received by the DPW Director for the Village Hall. The council chose to table the discussion for a future meeting.

Public Comment followed. Meeting Adjourned 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Williams, Clerk