

Village of Rothbury

Council Meeting

September 17, 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, Denise Kurdziel, Troy Voorhees and Dylan Zuniga. Absent was Jim Fekken.

Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Ethan Walker, DPW Director Scott Beishuizen, Deputy Clerk Carol Witzke, Cliff Cudney, Carlos Canales, Mary Ann Canales, Sandra Bailey, Jayne Silvers, Chris Oracz, Steve Salter, Vaughn White, Harold Drake, Andrew Heykoop, Stephanie Tallquist, Ethan Wood, Hayden Walsh, Sonya Talmadge, Madalyn B. and Andy Roberts.

After the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Talmadge, the prior meetings minutes were approved with a correction changing the Bath Michigan office closing to the access of the remote server being discontinued.

Deb Murphy gave the monthly Treasurers report citing that tax collection is done and that we received a 95% collection rate. Detailed the \$150,000 put into a CD after the last meeting for the Czarny Park Project and updated on the BS&A data extraction advising that the estimated go live date will be October 21, 2024.

Chief Walker gave the monthly police report and advised on a letter sent to council unbeknownst to him regarding the purchase of new encrypted police radios. Discussion was had amongst the council regarding amending the budget if needed at the time payment is due and agreeing that buying a newer model would be in the best interest of the Village. Motion made by Autum Drake, with support from Mike Harris to put in the order for the new radios. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

Mike Harris gave an update on the Planning Commission meeting that took place on September 10. Planning Commission members are working on updating a survey to send to residents in the interest of updating the Village Master Plan. No new zoning complaints have been received since the implementation of the new form that is now available on the Village website.

An update was requested on the Hren property purchase. Council was advised that the Hrens are not able to sell the property at this time but are still interested in selling it to the Village as soon as they are able to clear the title.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams mentioned the new fall street banners have arrived and have been put up. The Halloween event is scheduled for October 31 at the community center from 6PM-7:30PM.

Motion made by Mike Harris, seconded by Denise Kurdziel to allow Brandy Williams to vote for the MML Board of Directors. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

RCC Director Deb Murphy gave an update on the Community Center, telling council that they are booking into 2025. Looking into the next fiscal year, we will be looking for quotes to have the floors professionally redone.

Motion by Autum Drake, seconded by Mike Harris to pay the bills. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion passed.

President Talmadge informed council that Doug Roeseler has resigned from his position as the Village Event Coordinator with well wishes to the Village Council and Staff.

President Talmadge shared a letter from Chad Cheek with Electric Forest that they have notified us of dates for the 2025 Electric Forest Festival, starting June 17, 2025 ending June 22, 2025.

The Garden Club has received a couple of responses from interested residents. Responses will be forwarded on to Lisa Armstrong.

Discussion of council took place with regards to the Village provided trash service in the trailer park, with a consensus of more information gathering was needed.

Troy Voorhees raised some concerns on some DPW issues, trees needing trimmed, brush needing cut back and sidewalks in need of repair.

Scott Beishuizen, DPW Director advised that he was looking into options for the trees and brush. Picnic tables have been ordered to replace the damaged ones in the picnic shelter and that the chip and seal has been completed.

Meeting adjourned, 7:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Williams