

Village of Rothbury
February 18, 2025
Council Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rothbury Village Council was called to order in the Village Hall at 7:00PM on February 18, 2025 by President Vern Talmadge. Council members present were Autum Drake, Mike Harris, Denise Kurdziel, Troy Voorhees and Dylan Zuniga. Jim Fekken was absent.

Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Carol Witzke, Chief Ethan Walker, DPW Director Scott Beishuizen, Clif Cudney, Julie Trevino, Chris Oracz, Dan Zuniga and Andy Roberts.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly Treasurers Report. Notable for the month being that the CD for the Czarny Field funds has matured and has been renewed for an additional six months. The major expenditure for the month were the Police radios.

The council reviewed and discussed proposed budgets for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Suggestions to be updated and emailed to the council for review prior to the March budget hearing.

Motion made by Autum Drake to pay the monthly bills, seconded by Mike Harris. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

Police Chief Ethan Walker gave the monthly police report, noting that arrests were up for the month.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris informed the Council that there was no meeting held for the month of February. Mike Harris advised that Zoning issues remain with the Green Lawn Trailer Park, the certified letter had been returned to the Village. Audience members voiced concerns and suggestions about how they wanted to handle the situation and discussion regarding the legality of what can be done followed.

The council decided that having the attorney handle the complaint moving forward was in the best interest of the Village. Mike Harris will update the Ordinance Committee with actions taken by the Village Attorney.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams informed the Council that there will be an update on Easter activities at the next meeting.

RCC Director Deb Murphy told the Council that the price increases for the Community Center that were approved at the last meeting are updated and reflected on the Village website.

DPW Director Scott Beishuizen advised that DPW has been busy plowing snow.

President Talmadge read a resolution sent to the Village by the Electric Forest Festival to approve the temporary road closures for the 2025 festival.

Motion to adopt the resolution as presented made by Mike Harris, Seconded by Troy Voorhees. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried; resolution adopted.

President Talmadge addressed the council concerning the annual Household Hazardous Waste program and the requested donation of \$198.45 for the 2025 program.

Motion made by Mike Harris to approve the contribution to the program, seconded by Autum Drake. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

President Talmadge informed the council that he had spoken with Carol Witzke and she will be taking the Planning Commission Secretary position, as well as staying on as an on call consultant to the Village. The consulting wage will be set at \$25 per hour.

Council discussed wage increases for the 2025-2026 Budget Year. It was decided that the Village President and Council Members would forgo a raise this year. Pay increases to be awarded to the Treasurer, with a new salary of \$16,500, Clerk with a new salary of \$14,200, and the Street Commissioner \$1500.00 from both local street salary as well as major street salary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Williams