

Village of Rothbury
March 17, 2026
Council Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled council meeting of the Rothbury Village Council was called to order at 7:01 PM in the Village Hall by President Vern Talmadge.

Council members present were Autum Drake, Mike Harris, Jim Fekken, Denise Kurdziel, Troy Voorhees and Dylan Zuniga. Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Ethan Walker, DPW Director Scott Beishuizen, Julie Trevino, Andrew Heykoop, John Heykoop, Clare from the Oceana Echo, and Roy Strait.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the prior minutes meetings were approved as presented.

Motion made by Denise Kurdziel to adopt the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget as presented based on the current mil. Motion supported by Mike Harris.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion made by Denise Kurdziel to adopt the 2026-2027 Major Streets Budget as presented. Motion supported by Jim Fekken.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion made by Mike Harris to adopt the 2026-2027 Local Streets Budget as presented. Motion supported by Autum Drake.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion made by Autum Drake to approve the Clerks recommended budget amendments as presented for the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget. Support by Denise Kurdziel.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly Treasurers report, sharing that the CD matured again on February 15, and that we have re-invested to mature in August

with an interest rate of 3.99%. Nothing notable in either Major or Local Streets for the month.

Treasurer Murphy requested a vote from the council to open a checking account at Westshore Bank for ease of purchases for the Czarny Park Project.

Motion made by Denise Kurdziel to allow Deb Murphy to open a checking account at Westshore Bank, seconded by Jim Fekken.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Police Chief Ethan Walker presented the council with the monthly police report. The new Patrol Vehicle has been ordered and is expected in early July. Repairs discussed at the previous meeting regarding the 2016 Tahoe have been made.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris reported that no Planning Commission meeting was held in the month of March, but the land split discussed previously did receive approval from the Village Attorney.

Zoning Administrator Mike Harris reported that as the snow melts, new zoning violation complaints were coming in and being dealt with.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams reported that Easter is on track for Saturday April 4, with the arrival of the Easter Bunny at 11AM and the Egg Hunt to start at 11:30AM sharp. There will again be Golden Eggs in each age category where a new bike can be won.

Prein and Newhof updated the scope of work including the bathroom with updated bids, pricing has increased since the initial discussions including fencing, recycling, trash, bathrooms, engineering fees, etc.

Motion to approve the final scope with increased fees made by Autum Drake, seconded by Jim Fekken. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

RCC Director Deb Murphy gave the monthly Community Center report, and expressed excitement for the new ceiling approved for the upcoming fiscal year.

DPW Director Scott Beishuizen gave the monthly DPW report, discussion of planting new trees at the pocket parks, and a dedication plaque in memory of Bob Lohman will be donated by Winston Speedway.

Council discussion took place regarding a proposed ordinance for compensation of elected officials. Feedback was given on the draft of the ordinance provided by the Village Attorney, and requests for changes were made to be sent for revisions to be approved at the next meeting.

The council discussed the consideration of re titling the DPW Director position to that of a Village Manager Position. Compensation, job descriptions and responsibilities were reviewed.

Motion to move forward with moving to a Village Manager Structure for the Village of Rothbury as directed by legal counsel made by Denise Kurdziel, with support from Jim Fekken. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion made by Mike Harris, with support from Troy Voorhees to contribute to the Household Hazardous Waste program for 2026 for a total of \$200.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion to pay the bills made by Denise Kurdziel, seconded by Mike Harris. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Williams

Clerk