

Village of Rothbury  
Council Meeting Minutes

November 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 on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Council members present were Autum Drake, Mike Harris, Jim Fekken, Denise Kurdziel, Troy Voorhees and Dylan Zuniga. Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Deputy Clerk Carol Witzke, Police Chief Ethan Walker, Julie Trevino, Vaughn White, Ted Kurdziel, Cliff Cudney, Stephanie Tallquist, Zaniya Meza, Cole Moss, and Andy Roberts.

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

Deb Murphy gave the monthly Treasurers report.

Chief Walker gave the monthly Police report.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris presented council with a Community Survey the Planning Commission has been working on for approval to distribute. Council member Dylan Zuniga volunteered to create a QR code that links to a Google Doc for easy distribution throughout the community.

Motion made by Denise Kurdziel to approve the survey and have council member Zuniga move forward with the creation of the survey link, seconded by Dylan Zuniga. 7 ayes, 0 nays motion passes.

Zoning Administrator Mike Harris advised Council that he has received a detailed written complaint and will be dealt with tomorrow.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams informed the council that Santa will be arriving at the Village Hall for pictures, cocoa, cookies and small gifts on Saturday December 14, from 10AM-12PM.

President Talmadge announced that the Village will be holding the Community Decorating Contest again this year. Judging will take place on the 14th and 15th of December, with the winners to be announced at the December council meeting. Prizes this year will be Visa gift cards, first place will win \$200, second place will win \$100, and third place will win \$50. President Talmadge also advised that council members will not be eligible to win.

RCC Director Deb Murphy told council that the Pop-Up Market is taking place this weekend at the Community Center. Donations are needed for coats and nonperishables.

President Talmadge gave the DPW report in Director Scott Beishuizen's absence.

Motion made by Mike Harris, seconded by Autum Drake to have White Lake Excavating clean out the leaf pile site behind the Village Hall. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion of a dedication ceremony for the new sign at Czarny Park donated by Jaden Furman and Troop 1151s Eagle Scout Project. Tentative date and time set for December 7 at 11AM at Czarny Park.

Motion made by Mike Harris, with support from Autum Drake to pay the monthly bills. 7 ayes, 0 nays motion passes.

Motion by Mike Harris, seconded by Jim Fekken to donate \$1500 to the Oceana County Goodfellows for cleaning the street corner of Winston Rd. and Michigan Ave. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion passes.

Deb Murphy advised that Kuerth's has upgraded the recycle bins at the Village Hall that has doubled the capacity of recyclables we can take in while still obtaining enough resident participation for curbside service.

The council discussed trash service at the Green Lawn Trailer Park. It was brought to their attention that the trash removal cost is the responsibility of the park owner, and that providing that service was not helping the residents but instead giving the business owner a cost break which was not the intended purpose of the village provided services. The park is regulated by the State which dictates the owner is responsible for providing this service to his residents. The Village providing this service in lieu of the owner is not being realized as a cost savings to the residents of the park.

Motion by Dylan Zuniga to discontinue trash service to Green Lawn Trailer Park owner starting January 1, 2025, seconded by Autum Drake. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Williams

Clerk