Village of Rothbury

Council Meeting

October 20, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rothbury Village Council was called to order in the Village Hall at 7:00PM by President Mike Harris.

Council Members present were Autum Drake, Juan Cano, Denise Kurdziel, Troy Voorhees and Dylan Zuniga. Jim Fekken was absent.

Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Ethan Walker, Director of Operations Scott Beishuizen, Andy Roberts and Brian VanNett.

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

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly Treasurers report.

Police Chief Ethan Walker gave the monthly Police Report. Chief Walker presented to the council a mutual aid agreement between the Oceana County Sheriffs Department, and villages/townships of Hart, Pentwater, New Era, Shelby Hesperia and Walkerville and the Village of Rothbury.

Motion to adopt a resolution approving the presented mutual aid agreement made by Denise Kurdziel, seconded by Troy Voorhees. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

Director of Operations Scott Beishuizen alerted the council to an employer change for our current zoning enforcer Toby Frederickson, from Muskegon Charter Township to North Muskegon Township. Beishuizen requested that the council consider terminating the current contract with Muskegon Charter and starting a new contract with North Muskegon to keep the same Ordinance Enforcer with the Village of Rothbury.

Motion made by Autum Drake to terminate the Muskegon Charter Township agreement and start a new contract with North Muskegon. Motion seconded by Denise Kurdziel. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent , motion carried.

After discussion about the Czarny Park project a motion was made by Denise Kurdziel to accept the original bid removing the paved parking area and playground equipment. Motion supported by Dylan Zuniga. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

Consensus of the council was to purchase the playground equipment and pave the parking lot at a later date at the Village's own expense outside of the Grant Project to minimize immediate funding obligations in this fiscal year.

Zoning Administrator Troy Voorhees updated on current zoning issues, violations and compliance advising that there are some pending requests headed to the Planning Commission for review.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris informed the council that the Planning Commission held a meeting on October 13, and ideas for the village park were discussed including the potential of adding a gazebo in the future for weddings.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams updated on the upcoming first annual Trunk or Treat collaboration with the Rothbury Police, Grant Township Fire, Double JJ Resort and Winston Speedway. The event will take place from 3PM-6PM at the Double JJ Rodeo grounds on Water Road on Saturday, October 31.

RCC Director Deb Murphy reported that repairs for the roof and soffit at the Community Center will cost $2100. After final bids were accepted for the ceiling project, the budget can be dropped from $50,000 to $40,000.

Motion by Autum Drake to pay the bills, seconded by Denise Kurdziel. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion by Dylan Zuniga to renew the Christmas Light Pole Decorations contract, with support from Autum Drake. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Autum Drake, seconded by Denise Kurdziel to approve Brandy Williams to become the Notary Public for the Village. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion by Denise Kurdziel, seconded by Autum Drake to approve the budget amendments presented by the Clerk as submitted. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

Motion by Autum Drake to accept the proposal from Leverage Marketing to take over as the Villages new web provider and provide a website and brand refresh, seconded by Troy Voorhees. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Williams

Clerk