

Village of Rothbury

Council Meeting

March 18, 2025

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

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, Dale Aho, Tristan Aho, MaryAnn Canales, Carlos Canales, Stephanie Tallquist, Andy Roberts, Ed Goerbig, Maddox Pfenning, Alberto Mercado, Owen Fernando.

The prior meetings' minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly treasurers report.

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 fiscal year General Fund Budget based on the previous year's mil of 5.7300 as presented made by Mike Harris, seconded by Denise Kurdziel.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Harris to approve the 2025-2026 fiscal year Major Streets Budget as presented, seconded by Autum Drake.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Harris to approve the 2025-2026 fiscal year Local Streets Budget as presented, seconded by Jim Fekken.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Chief Walker presented the council with the monthly police report advising that the new AED has arrived and is in the patrol car. Chief Walker also requested that the patrol rifles be ordered sooner rather than later as there is a significant lead time to receive them. The council agreed to have them ordered now.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris advised there was no Planning Commission meeting held this month.

Zoning Administrator Mike Harris updated council on the ongoing Green Lawn Trailer Park issues and that the Village Attorney is handling correspondence at this time.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams let the council know that the Easter Bunny will be arriving at the Village Hall by Fire Truck on April 19 at 11 AM with the annual Easter Egg Hunt starting at 11:30AM sharp.

Council discussed having the “Golden Eggs” that were done last year, providing the children who find those eggs with a trip to Walmart to pick out a new bike.

Motion by Mike Harris, with support from Autum Drake to provide the Golden Eggs again this year. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

No update on DNR Grant from Prein & Newhof.

RCC Director Deb Murphy informed the council she is now taking bookings into 2026, and that the members room is gaining in popularity.

DPW Director Scott Beishuizen was out of town at a drinking water convention. President Talmadge updated council in his absence that Bruce is keeping busy working on picnic tables for the upcoming year.

Under new business, Treasurer Murphy advised that ESTA notices have been provided to employees of the Village as required by law with their pay stubs along with required information being posted for all employees. Village employees eligible for ESTA were frontloaded the estimated hours required by law and notified accordingly.

President Talmadge updated council on the 17 acres in the Village purchased by Beckman, to develop residential properties. Brownfield has tested for toxins and has deemed the site safe.

Motion by Mike Harris, seconded by Jim Fekken to pay the bills.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Williams

Clerk