

Village of Rothbury

April 21, 2026

Council Meeting

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

Council members present were Autum Drake, Mike Harris, Denise Kurdziel and Troy Voorhees. Jim Fekken and Dylan Zuniga were absent.

Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Ethan Walker, DPW Director Scott Beishuizen, Attorney Brennan Gorman, Officer Tom Walicki, Al Trevino, Julie Trevino, Brian VanNett, Stephanie Tallquist, Eric from the Echo, Carlos Canales, Mary Ann Canales and retired Sheriff Kim Cole.

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

Council excused the absence of Dylan Zuniga, and marked the absence of Jim Fekken unexcused until a reason was provided.

Village Attorney Brennan Gorman explained the difference between re titling the DPW Director position to the Village Director of Operations, instead of changing to a Village Manager structure. Council agreed to change the title of the DPW Director with a clear job description detailing duties and expectations.

Ordinance for Village Council compensation will be followed up on at the next meeting.

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly treasurers report, advising that the new checking account for Westshore bank is open now.

Chief Walker gave a brief police report.

Planning Commission chair Mike Harris reported that there was no Planning Commission meeting again this month.

Zoning Administrator Mike Harris reported that there are a few zoning complaints and that they are being addressed. Some are done, and some are pending.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams updated the council on the Easter Egg Hunt. It had to be moved indoors due to inclement weather, but went over well. There was a drawing for the bikes for each age group, and all but one bike was collected the following Sunday at the Whitehall Walmart.

RCC Director Deb Murphy updated the council that both June and July are fully booked up at the Community Center. Quotes are being gathered for the ceiling project and walk throughs with contractors are being scheduled.

DPW Director Scott Beishuizen gave the DPW update, reporting that the Czarny Park concept layout is happening, bids are taking place in June. The sign that was destroyed at Winston and 88th has been repaired and replaced, a new light post is going to be ordered for Michigan Ave coming into town, the park pavilion project has been completed, and a follow up with Tanner is in the works for adding AC to the Village Hall. The Council approved approximately \$5,000 for new dirt for the ballfield in anticipation of the upcoming improvements.

Montague Schools Summer Lunch Program has asked for permission to do the lunch program again at the Village Hall, Tuesdays from 10AM-12PM, June 9th through August 18th.

Motion by Denise Kurdziel to approve the Summer Lunch Program, seconded by Autum Drake. 5 ayes, 0 naysd, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Harris to pay the bills, seconded by Autum Drake, 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

President Talmadge announced to the council, as of March 31st, he is retiring and that this would be his last meeting. Council congratulated him, and president pro tem Mike Harris will run the next meeting.

7:36PM Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Williams