

Village of Rothbury

May 19, 2026

Council Meeting

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

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

Also present were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Ethan Walker, Village Director of Operations Scott Beishuizen, Clif Cudney, Sandra Bailey, Marianne Canales, Makayla Canales, Carlos Canales, Juan Cano, and Stephanie Tallquist.

After the pledge of allegiance, the prior meetings minutes were approved with corrections. Specifically, that the wording of quotes were being gathered for the community center ceiling project have already been gathered, not that they were still being gathered.

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly treasurers report. Treasurer Murphy informed the council that the millage rate of 4.9309 that the budget hearing was based on for this fiscal year will stand, and no additional notification or hearing is needed.

Police Chief Ethan Walker gave a quick report of the police happenings for the previous month.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris advised that a Planning Commission meeting had been held, and that they are working on reorganizing the planning commission with the moving of members. Rumors of a new business opening in town next to Wesco are circulating.

Mike Harris, Zoning Administrator advised that there are a few messes to still clean up but there are not open complaints, but also that there would be one tomorrow.

RCC Director Deb Murphy did not have anything noteworthy for the Community Center.

Recreation Director, skipped over that part of the agenda.

Village Director of Operations Scott Beishuizen, updated the council on the sand for the ballfield. Council consensus to wait on the chip and seal for Michigan Ave until the next fiscal year. Bids for Czarny Park project will start coming in during the next week to 10 days and a link will be provided to add to our website for bidders to apply.

Scott also informed the council that we have found a zoning enforcer from outside of the area who is interested in contracting with the Village of Rothbury. Troy Voorhees would take over as Zoning Administrator, eliminating any conflict with Mike Harris now being President and holding incompatible offices. The zoning enforcer would report to Troy Voorhees, Troy would then report to council.

Pricing will be acquired to fix the dugouts at the ballfield.

Treasurer Murphy informed the council that we experienced another incident of bank fraud, and suggested moving to ACH payments for more of our payables.

Discussion of the purchase of historical maps was had by council, consensus was to move forward.

Finalized ordinance for compensation of Village Officials was read aloud by Mike Harris.

Motion by Denise Kurdziel to adopt the ordinance as read, seconded by Jim Fekken.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Consensus to suspend the service on the Village Presidents phone until the next election.

Motion by Denise Kurdziel to pay the bills with support from Troy Voorhees.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Clerk Brandy Williams read letters of interest from both Juan Cano and Marianne Canales regarding the vacant council seat. Marianne and Juan each spoke, and answered questions from the council.

Motion made by Denise Kurdziel to appoint Juan Cano to the vacant council seat, seconded by Jim Fekken.

4 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried.

7:45 PM meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Williams

Clerk