

Village of Rothbury

Council Meeting

June 17, 2025

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

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

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

Deb Murphy gave the monthly treasurers report. The Village has received final payment form the county for delinquent taxes.

Chief Ethan Walker gave council the monthly police report.

Chad Cheek from Electric Forest thanked the board for the support last year in approving the 10-year permit putting things in motion to build the foundation for the future of Electric Forest for the next decade. At the time of reporting, the economic impact of the local area was approximately 34 million dollars in addition to the revenue at The Double JJ. No sound complaints were received in 2024, and this year the "afters" have been discontinued which will further the impact of noise reduction throughout the community, in addition to the expansion of the silent disco.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris reported that a Planning Commission meeting had taken place in the month of June, but he was regrettably unable to attend however copies of the current Recreation Master Plan were handed out.

Mike Harris gave the Zoning Administration report and updated the council on the progress with Green Lawn Trailer Park. Improvements have started mostly on one end of the park, there are still a lot of things lying around with the absence of a dumpster. Mike will reach back out with a date that we intend to start issuing citations.

Council Member Troy Voorhees asked Chief Walker about the progress on the new police radio encryption. Chief Walker advised that the radios are waiting on the State to approve the talk groups.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams advised that the Village is still waiting on a resolution between the DNR and Consumers energy to move forward with the DNR Grant funding.

DPW Director Scott Beishuizen informed council that the work on the pavilion in the community park will not begin until Fall.

Motion by Autum Drake to pay the bills, seconded by Mike Harris. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Discussion amongst the council regarding the placement of a refrigerated trailer to aid this year's Montague Schools Summer Meal program. The council decided to move forward with the trailer on a one-month trial basis to assess the impact of the location and added electricity charges.

President Talmadge opened sealed bids from White Lake Excavating and Asphalt Paving Company for the repair of the pathway to the Bike Trail.

White Lake Excavating bid: \$49,694.00, Asphalt Paving Company bid: \$48,900.00

Motion to accept the bid from White Lake Excavating to do the work on the bike trail path by Dylan Zuniga in the amount of \$49,694.00 seconded by Mike Harris. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

President Talmadge opened sealed bids from White Lake Excavating and Asphalt Paving company for repair to Wilke Rd from Michigan Ave, 1,240 ft W.

White Lake Excavating bid: \$54,934.00

Asphalt Paving Company: \$51,800.00

Motion by Autum Drake to accept the bid from Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$51,800.00 for the road repair work on Wilke Rd from Michigan Ave 1,240 ft. West, seconded by Mike Harris. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

The council was advised the village maintenance plan was approved and street money can be moved to fund other street projects.

Vaughn White spoke to the council about his intentions of getting approval from the DNR to cross the bike trail and will be asking council for approval to run a street through the Village Hall parking lot and park into the old Kurdziel Iron building in the interest of adding additional access for the proposed community center in that location.

Meeting adjourned 7:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Williams

Clerk