

Village of Rothbury

February 17, 2026

Council Meeting Minutes

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, DPW Director Scott Beishuizen, Rich Houltzman from Consumers Energy, Brian VanNett, Andrew Heykoop and Andy Roberts from the Oceana Echo.

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

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly Treasurer's report.

Clerk Brandy Williams reviewed the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 with council. The budget hearing will take place one hour prior to the next council meeting.

Chief Walker gave the monthly police report. Chief also expressed the dire need for a replacement patrol car as the oldest Tahoe is now 10 years old, and is having maintenance issues.

Planning Commission Chair Mike Harris advised there was no Planning Commission meeting this month, but that the Site Plan Review Committee met before the council meeting to go over a request for a land split. Mr. Harris will be sending the proposal to the Village Attorney for review before approving.

Recreation Director Brandy Williams had no updates.

RCC Director Deb Murphy informed the council that the month of April is fully booked.

DPW Director Scott Beishuizen reported that the damaged sign from Winston and 88<sup>th</sup> has been repaired, but we are waiting until Spring to install it. The furnace in the Village Hall had to be replaced, and the blinking light in town might really be fixed this time.

President Talmadge reported to the council that the annexation approved by the Village, was also approved at the County Board of Commissioners meeting last week.

Motion by Mike Harris to pay the bills, seconded by Autum Drake. 7 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

President Talmadge read the resolution for the annual Electric Forest Festival road closures.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Mike Harris with support from Dylan Zuniga. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

During public comment council engaged in discussion over the lead time of ordering a new patrol vehicle, concluding it was best to place the order now rather than wait for the next fiscal year.

Motion made by Denise Kurdziel to amend the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget, adding \$85,000 to Capital Outlay under Police for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle. Seconded by Mike Harris, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Williams

Clerk