

## Rothbury Village Council Meeting February 21, 2023

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

Council members Autum Drake, Jim Fekken, Mike Harris, and Brandy Williams were present. Dylan Zuniga was absent.

Also present at the meeting were Treasurer Deb Murphy, Police Chief Tom Hasper, Sgt. Ethan Walker, Whitehall Mayor Steve Salter, Vaugh White, Harold Drake, Troy Voorhees, Bob Fulljames, Cliff Cudney, Jayne Silvers, Chris Oracz, Ted and Denise Kurdziel, Julie Trevino, and Olivia Roesler.

The pledge of allegiance was given.

Harris made a motion, seconded by Williams to approve the previous minutes as presented. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly report.

Police Chief Tom Hasper gave the monthly report which included a report on a grant the police department had received.

Vaughn White from Valley City Metals Rothbury Plant explained some of the activities of the Oceana County Brownfield Authority. The Authority has received funding from the US EPA to provide funding for environmental assessing. Mr. White is requesting a letter of support from the Village Council to support Valley City Metals in applying for a grant for funding. An environmental assessment is necessary to guide Valley City in long term planning.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Fekken to support the efforts of Valley City Metals in applying for a grant from the USEPA/Oceana County Brownfield Authority to fund an environmental assessment. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Brandy Williams reported on recreational activities.

Deb Murphy reported that yearly maintenance projects have been completed at the Community Center.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Harris to pay the monthly bills. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Consensus of council to hold the annual budget hearing on March 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM before the regular meeting.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Harris to order a Chevrolet Tahoe police car. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Sgt. Walker was put in charge of the purchase.

President Talmadge reported on the soil borings done by EGL.

Both Troy Vorhees and Denise Kurdziel discussed their desire and qualifications to fill the vacant council seat. The trustee position will expire in 2024.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Williams to appoint Denise Kurdziel to the Village Council. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Comment.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Witzke  
Rothbury Village Clerk