

Rothbury Village Council Meeting November 17, 2020

The meeting was opened in the Village Hall by President Beishuizen at 7:30 PM. Council members present were: Cindy Cruz, Autum Drake, Jim Fekken, Bob Fulljames, Mike Harris, and Vern Talmadge.

Also present: Police Chief Tom Hasper, Treasurer Deb Murphy, Sgt. Ethan Walker, Recreation Director Nancy Rolf, Barb Thompson, Cliff Cudney, Harold Drake, Rita Kobylski, and newly elected trustee Brandy Williams.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by council after the pledge of allegiance.

Treasurer Deb Murphy gave the monthly report and presented the 6-month budget report.

Police Chief Hasper gave the monthly police report including reporting on extraordinary situations including a suicide attempt and a parolee incident.

Mike Harris reported that zoning issues were quiet in the Village and he has accepted a zoning administrator position with Grant Township.

Nancy Rolf reported to the council on the successes of the drive through Halloween party and the socially distanced craft fair. Santa's visit has been cancelled for this year.

Harris made a motion, Drake seconded to pay the bills. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Deb Murphy reported that Montague School is using the Community Center for food distribution on Mondays from 4-6 PM.

Cruz made a motion, seconded by Harris to give all active duty military personnel a 50% discount on personal rentals of the Community Center. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays

Talmadge made a motion, Drake seconded to allow the Clerk to handle the Christmas gifts per past practice. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Council was informed about a PFAS meeting taking place on December 9, 2020 regarding issues with well water in the Village. Meeting information will be posted to the Village website.

Scott told the council that the Oceana County Road Commission would again be clearing the streets this winter.

Scott also told the council about hot spots being distributed by the school to enable Montague students better access for schoolwork. A hot spot will be available at the Village Hall.

The Clerk informed the council that a letter had been received from long time Grant Township Clerk Bill Wagner thanking us for our many years of cooperation on mutual projects.

Council thanked outgoing trustee Bob Fulljames for his nearly 21 years of service on the council.

Drake made a motion, seconded by Talmadge to hire the Oceana Old Newsboys for litter pickup on Winston Road at Michigan Avenue for \$1000.00. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Harris made a motion, seconded by Talmadge to give both police officers a bonus of \$1250.00. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays (Fulljames and Fekken)

Drake requested an e-mail packet prior to the meetings. Clerk will accommodate request.

Meeting stood adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Following the regular meeting the following people received their oath of office: President Scott Beishuizen, Treasurer Deb Murphy, Trustees Mike Harris, Vern Talmadge, and Brandy Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Witzke
Rothbury Village Clerk