

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

January 28, 2019

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on January 28, 2019, with Mayor Joe Knapschaefer presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman, Ahrens, Brunswick and James.

Invocation by Brunswick.

Guests included Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Branch, second by Bertke to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 regular meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman, Ahrens, Brunswick and James. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Ahrens to approve the agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman, Ahrens, Brunswick and James. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: None

Finance Director: None

Village Manager: Thomas discussed an upcoming FEMA study that will help the Village identify and reduce our flood risk.

Mayor: Knapschaefer recently gave a speech to the Kiwanis Club.

Environmental: An Environmental Committee meeting was held on January 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Knapschaefer, Thomas, Eyink, Schwieterman, Bertke and Branch. A discussion was held on the finances of the water and wastewater department. The EPA would like us to have money in reserve for an emergency fund. Our goal would be around \$300,000. The last time the rate for wastewater was increased was in 2011. The rate went from \$0.0048 per gallon to \$0.0050 per gallon. The last time the rate for water was increased was in 2014. The rate went from \$0.0050 per gallon to \$0.0070 per gallon. The south east lift station is approaching 50 years old and will need to be replaced soon. The cost estimate is \$120,000. The committee is suggesting increasing the wastewater rate to \$.0060 per gallon and keeping the water rate the same. A motion to adjourn was made by Knapschaefer, second by Schwieterman. Time 6:25 PM.

Finance: A Finance Committee meeting was held on January 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Knapschaefer, Thomas, Eyink, Schwieterman, Branch, James and Ahrens. Also present was Fire Chief Brent Forsthoefel. We currently receive \$700.00 a month from Capital Telecom for a tower lease. The contract expires in 12.5 years. A company was interested in buying our lease but no amount has been agreed upon. Ordinance 1478 authorizes the Village Manager to spend \$15,000 without using a bidding process. Council will have Thomas prepare an ordinance which will raise that limit to \$50,000. The current fire levy thru Butler Township will expire 12/31/19. Forsthoefel discussed some of the equipment needs of the department for the next 5 to 10 years. The main items were 20 SCBA units and a new fire truck. We will look at a renewal levy with a possible slight increase to make up for the reduction in the effective millage. A motion to adjourn was made by Ahrens, second by James. Time 7:08 PM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Ahrens, second by James to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and land. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman, Ahrens, Brunswick and James. Motion Carried. Time 7:09.

A motion was made by Bertke, second by Branch to come out of Executive Session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman, Ahrens, Brunswick and James. Motion Carried. Time 7:23. No action taken.

Ordinance 1682: An ordinance setting the threshold amount for mandatory competitive bidding at \$50,000 and declaring an effective date received its first reading.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Thomas and Knapschaefer will be attending a Community Improvement Corporation meeting tomorrow.

Schwieterman will be absent from both February meetings.

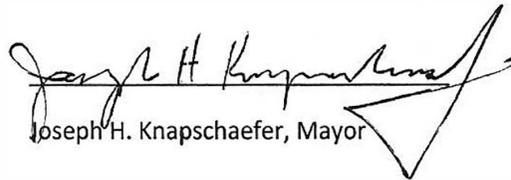
Bertke will be absent from the February 11, 2019 meeting.

James will possibly miss the February 25, 2019 meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made Ahrens, second by James. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council


Joseph H. Knapschaefer, Mayor