

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 23, 2019

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on December 23, 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 and Brunswick. Ahrens and James were absent.

Invocation by Bertke.

Guests included Georgia Rindler, Jim Stelzer and Charmaine Bettinger.

A motion was made by Branch, second by Schwieterman to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2019 regular meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A report from the Finance Committee was added to the agenda. A motion was made by Bertke, second by Brunswick to approve the revised agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Jim Stelzer said the prescription drug drop off box at the police department collected 91 pounds this year compared to 45 pounds last year.

Finance Director: Eyink said that the income tax revenue for 2019 has surpassed 2 million dollars. This is the first time this has ever happened.

Village Manager: Thomas said 2019 was a good year and we have a lot planned for 2020.

Mayor: The mayor said 2019 was another great year and he can't believe how quickly his 8 years has mayor went by.

Finance Committee: A Finance Committee meeting was held on December 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Knapschaefer, Thomas, Schwieterman, Eyink, Ahrens and James. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the budget for 2020. The committee discussed and agreed to add dental insurance for Village employees. They also discussed the major items for the 2020 budget which include:

Park: \$500,000 for the new playground equipment and \$10,000 for a new mower

Wastewater: \$120,000 for a new lift station near Chief Supermarket

Street: Approx. \$500,000 for Streetscape project and will probably finance a street sweeper

Water: \$30,000 for east wall of plant and \$75,000 for water lines on North St. and Hardin St.

All: There is an extra payroll period in 2020 which will add about \$50,000 to the budget

Eyink also discussed a couple of items that would need to be changed on the 2019 budget. The flow meter at the wastewater plant needed replaced. The cost was about \$47,000. He will have those changes at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bertke to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried. Time 7:05.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bertke to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried. Time 7:07. Several contracts were discussed and will be approved by a motion.

A motion was made by Bertke, second by Schwieterman to approve Village Horticulturist Alex Uhlenhake's contract for 2020. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Branch to approve Law Director Judy Koester's contract for 2020. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Branch to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Library Board and the Park Board. Keith Hoyng was appointed to the Park Board and Jodi Kline was appointed to the Library Board. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Branch, second by Bertke to appoint Brunswick and Schwieterman to the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund Board. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1693: An Ordinance establishing amended appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Bertke, second by Branch to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1693. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bertke, second by Schwieterman to approve Ordinance 1693 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1694: An Ordinance establishing appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Branch, second by Schwieterman to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1694. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bertke, second by Branch to approve Ordinance 1694 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bertke, Branch, Schwieterman and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

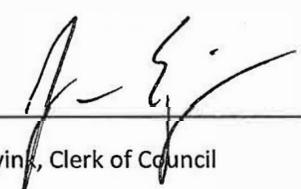
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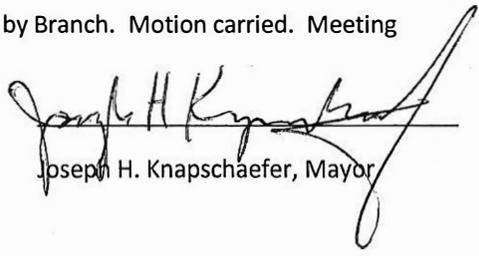
Many thanks were offered to Rich and Joe for their years of service to the Village.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bertke, second by Branch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Attest:

  
Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council

  
Joseph H. Knapschaefer, Mayor