

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

April 13, 2020

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the election room of the Municipal Building on April 13, 2020, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. James was absent.

Invocation by Bettinger.

Guests included Georgia Rindler and Jason Miller.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Schwieterman to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2020 regular meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Ahrens to approve the bills. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

The agenda was revised to include a report from the Finance Committee. A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Buschur to approve the revised agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Chief Miller said his office is answering phones from 9 AM to 4PM each business day. He advised the public to call Central Dispatch if there is an issue after that time. He said thefts and domestic incidents have increased greatly in the last few weeks. He also said one of the cruisers was banged up on the front end in a recent incident.

Finance Director: Eyink advised that the Division of Liquor Control sent its annual letter regarding any objections to the renewal of liquor permits in town. He talked with Chief Miller and there are no issues with any permit holders at this time. He also discussed the cash position report and tax report. The tax revenues are slightly down from last year through the end of March. He is expecting the income tax collections to decrease greatly over the next few months as the unemployment rate continues to rise. He is also expecting the gas tax revenue to decrease greatly as people continue to drive less. We will most likely need to make budget reductions depending on how long the stay at home order lasts.

Village Manager: Thomas said the first limb pickup will be Monday the 20th. It will be with a limited crew. He also discussed a recent Tree City survey completed by ODNR. He said Coldwater was ranked as number 3 out of 49.

Mayor: Bertke thanked Thomas, Eyink and Miller for attending the weekly EMA meetings via conference call with the county.

Finance Committee: A Finance Committee meeting was held on April 13, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Mayor Bertke, Thomas, Eyink, Brunswick, Buschur, Schwieterman and Bettinger. Guests present were Jim and Patty Klenke. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a possible renewal of a contract with Klenke Trash service. The proposed rates beginning in June 2020 would be \$1.52 for trash bags and \$1.04 for recycling bags. Trash bags would increase to \$1.56 beginning in June 2021 and recycling bags would be \$1.07. The

Finance Committee found these rates to be acceptable and will recommend going forward with Klenke's Trash Service to council. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution 804: A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2020 and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Resolution 804. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Arhens to approve Resolution 804 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Ahrens, second by Bettinger to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried. Time 7:17.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Brunswick to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried. Time 7:23

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Schwieterman to approve the resignation of Fire Chief Brent Forsthoefel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Ahrens to prepare a new trash contract with Klenke's as advised by the Finance Committee. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

The Council meeting for April 27, 2020 has been cancelled.

Buschur inquired about park operations during the stay at home order. Thomas advised the restrooms and playgrounds are closed. It is open for walking. The Village will continue to follow the governor's guidance regarding the park operations.

A motion to adjourn was made by Schwieterman, second by Ahrens. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Attest: _____
Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor