

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

July 13, 2020

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the election room of the Municipal Building on July 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 Siefiring. James was absent.

Invocation by Brunswick.

Guests included Georgia Rindler, Jason Miller, Ted Feltz, Nathan Burtch, Christine Hannewald and Ben Hannewald.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2020 regular meeting and June 24, 2020 special meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick and Buschur. Motion Carried.

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

Item 8A was added to the agenda to swear in Troy Siefiring. A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Buschur to approve the revised agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick and Buschur. Motion Carried.

Law Director Judy Koesters presided over the swearing in of Troy Siefiring for Village Council.

Comments from the Public: Ben Hannewald said he is in the 6th grade at Coldwater and he is attending the meeting for his Citizens Merit Badge for Boy Scouts. Ted Feltz and Nathan Burtch from the Coldwater Community Picnic Committee distributed a tentative picnic schedule to council. It is a scaled back version of the picnic due to Covid 19. This schedule has been approved by the Mercer County Health Department under the Dine Safe Ohio order. Several members of council thanked the committee for all of their efforts in this challenging year.

Reports:

Police: Chief Miller discussed the statistics report from June.

Finance Director: Eyink discussed the cash position report and the tax report. He is hoping the tax revenue will look better in July since the tax deadline was extended to July 15.

Village Manager: Thomas said the bid opening for the Second Street project is July 23, 2020. He said the bid is for full depth repair from Walnut to Vine as well as a new water line. Phase 1 of the Park for All Abilities is coming along nicely. The toys are installed as well as the stone base. The last step is the 'poured in place' surface and hopefully that will be completed soon. He said crews have repaired a couple of water breaks and he also said we are discharging at the waste water plant this month.

Mayor: None

Research: The meeting minutes from June 15, 2020 are attached.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1696: An ordinance authorizing the use of under speed vehicles, utility vehicles, and mini trucks on Village streets where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less, providing an inspection program therefor, repealing inconsistent legislation and declaring an effective date received its first reading.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Brunswick to approve the 2021 tax budget. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Siefiring. Motion Carried.

New Business:

A discussion was held regarding Ordinance 1696. It was suggested to only allow multi use vehicles during daylight hours. This will also eliminate the requirement for a rear license plate light. There were concerns about small children on these vehicles. It was then suggested that all occupants of the vehicle need to be wearing a seat belt. These changes will be made for the next meeting.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Thomas said we will review the bids for Second Street at the next meeting.

Bettinger had concerns about a recent article in the paper. Officials in Southern Mercer County are struggling to find new volunteers for their EMS. They are looking into forming an EMS district. She wondered if Coldwater was having the same issues. Thomas suggested we will most likely need to have a Safety Committee meeting in the future to address this.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brunswick, second by Bettinger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Research Committee Meeting

Date: June 15, 2020

Time: 7:00

Present

1. Kevin Brunswick
2. Charmaine Bettinger
3. Tim Buschur
4. Eric Thomas
5. Doug Bertke
6. Don Ahrens (exiting)
 - 6.1. Troy Siefring (replacing)

Discussion

The Research Committee reviewed a drafted ordinance on the subject of Under-Speed Vehicles, Utility Vehicles and Mini-Trucks. The members discussed the sections within the draft with emphasis on safety and vehicle requirements. The committee generated questions that would be posed to Chief Jason Miller for input on seat belt requirements (including affixing of), permitted hours of use, and vehicle traffic in conjunction with slow-moving vehicles.

The proposed ordinance is planned for a first reading at the next Village Council Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Chairperson – Troy Siefring