

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

June 8, 2020

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the election room of the Municipal Building on June 8, 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, Troy Siefring and Jason Miller.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Ahrens to approve the minutes from the May 26, 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 Bettinger to approve the bills. 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 approve the 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 offices are back to normal for the most part.

Finance Director: Eyink discussed the cash position report and the tax report. He also reminded council that the bond for the Philothea farm ground is up for renewal on September 25, 2020.

Village Manager: Thomas said that the park activities are going well and they have been well received by the public. He also said we haven't received an update on the funding for Second Street yet.

Mayor: Bertke said he has heard many positive comments regarding the park being open. He appreciates everyone's patience.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Buschur to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried. Time 7:06.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Ahrens to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried. Time 7:12.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bettinger to accept the resignation of Don Ahrens effective June 30, 2020 from Village Council and to appoint Troy Siefring to be his replacement. Ahrens and his wife Alice are moving out of Coldwater. He has spent 10 ½ years on Village Council. Siefring will serve the remainder of the term from July 1st, 2020 until December 31st, 2021. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

New Business:

A discussion was held on the use of golf carts in town. Bettinger has some concerns on the increasing numbers of golf carts in town. She has looked at some ordinances from other nearby towns. Coldwater does not currently have an ordinance regarding golf carts. Chief Miller said we last looked at possibly doing a golf cart ordinance in 2017, but at the time there were only a few golf carts being used in town. A Research Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday June 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM to further discuss this.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Thomas mentioned crews are busy installing lights on diamond 4 and busy installing the new playground equipment.

Schwieterman commented on how nice the graduation ceremony was. He also mentioned a traffic concern near the junk drop off site.

Bettinger welcomed Troy Siefiring to council. She also thanked the Village workers for their efforts installing the Park for all Abilities playground equipment.

Brunswick thanked Ahrens for his service to the Village.

Ahrens thanked Troy Siefiring for agreeing to replace him on council.

Buschur welcomed Siefiring and wished Ahrens good luck. He also thanked the pool employees, he said they are doing a great job sanitizing at break time.

Koesters and Bertke noted that it is great to see activity at the park again.

A motion to adjourn was made by Schwieterman, second by Brunswick. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Attest:

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor