

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 28, 2020

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the election room of the Municipal Building on December 28, 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, Siefring and Rutschilling.

Invocation by Bettinger.

Guests included Jason Miller and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger to approve the minutes from the November 23, 2020 regular meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Buschur, Siefring and Rutschilling. Brunswick abstained. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Chief Miller said 2020 has been a strange year and his department was unable to get much training completed. They have many training sessions scheduled for 2021. They collected 79 pounds of prescriptions at their drop box this year.

Finance Director: Eyink discussed the cash position report and the tax report for November. He advised that Westown Party Mart (Shell) is changing owners and therefore the liquor permit is transferring. Council decided a hearing is not needed. He also advised that the December tax collections will be down from 2019 but the Village did receive a refund from the Bureau of Workers Compensation for \$81,000.

Village Manager: Thomas briefly went thru the list of accomplishments for 2020. He advised that there will be another OPWC street project in 2021. He said 2020 was a tough year but the Village was still able to get some big projects completed.

Mayor: Bertke said 2020 was a crazy year but we still got a lot accomplished. He is looking forward to 2021.

Finance: A Finance Committee meeting was held on November 30, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Present were Schwieterman, Buschur, Thomas, Bertke and Eyink. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the budget for 2021. The major items planned for 2021 include:

Police: A new cruiser, a generator for the office and some new rifles.

Street: The remainder of the OPWC Streetscape project, around \$545,000.

Fire: A new grass truck.

Park: The remainder of the Park 4 All Abilities project which is around \$65,000. There will also be some renovations to shelter house 4.

Water: A new truck and a generator for some well pumps.

WW: The remainder of the lift station project which is about \$25,000. There will also be some new pumps and a generator for the lift station.

It was also discussed that budgeted salaries for 2021 will remain about the same as 2020 due to an extra payroll period in 2020. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Transportation: A Transportation Committee meeting was held on December 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Present were Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefiring, Rutschilling, Thomas, Bertke and Miller. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the lowering of the speed limit on a portion of Burkettsville Saint Henry Road near the Village. After discussion it was decided a resolution will be presented at the December 28th council meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Siefiring to include the police department in the Family First COVID-19 Relief Act (FFCRA). This will allow the employees in the police department to receive 80 hours of COVID-19 sick time like all of the other departments did. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefiring and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

New Business:

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Schwieterman to approve Village Horticulturist Alex Uhlenhake's contract for 2021. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefiring and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Schwieterman to approve Law Director Judy Koester's contract for 2021. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefiring and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Rutschilling to approve appointments to the Library Board and Park Board. Randy Kaup was appointed to the Park Board and Paul Howell was appointed to the Library Board. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefiring and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

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

Resolution 813: A Resolution requesting the State of Ohio director of transportation to modify the speed limit on Burkettsville Saint Henry Road beginning at the intersection of State Route 219 and Burkettsville Saint Henry Road ending 0.8 miles North of said intersection and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for Resolution 813. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefiring and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Brunswick to approve Resolution 813 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefiring and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1699: An Ordinance establishing amended 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 Siefiring, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1699. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefiring and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1699 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefiring and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1700: An Ordinance establishing appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Siefiring to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1700. Roll call

resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefring and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Buschur to approve Ordinance 1700 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur, Siefring and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:


Rutschilling inquired about the status of the website upgrade. Eyink said he received a sample today and anyone is welcome to stop by his office to check it out after the meeting.

There were many thanks for a good 2020 despite some of the difficult circumstances.

We are all looking forward to 2021. Happy New Year.

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

Attest:



Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor