

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

February 8, 2021

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on February 8, 2021, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Siefring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Buschur was absent.

Invocation by Schwieterman.

Guests included Jim Stelzer and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Siefring to approve both sets of minutes from January 11. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Siefring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

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

The agenda was revised to change the Finance Committee report to the Environmental Committee report. It was also revised to include a motion to purchase software. A motion was made by Siefring, second by Rutschilling to approve the revised agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Siefring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: The statistics report for January was distributed. Stelzer noted that there were 25 fraud reports in January, mostly related to unemployment. There were 28 fraud reports in all of 2020. He also noted that Dominion is working on a gas line repair at their building.

Finance Director: Eyink discussed the tax report and cash position report. He also noted that this is an audit year and he is starting to get some things from the auditors. This audit will be a federal audit due to the amount of federal funding that was received by the village.

Village Manager: Thomas urged residents to please remove vehicles from the roadways when we receive significant amounts of snowfall. It makes it much easier for the snow plows. He also noted that the new salt storage bin that was built a couple of years ago has really helped. We currently have plenty of salt.

Mayor: Bertke reminded residents to be aware of the possibility of frozen pipes for the upcoming week due to the forecasted temperatures.

Environmental Committee: An Environmental Committee meeting was held on January 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Schwieterman, Brunswick, Bertke, Thomas, Siefring and Eyink. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the aging servers supporting the water meter system. The operating system and software will no longer be supported and there has been down time from the servers in 2020. A cloud-based service by Sensus was reviewed as an option. This update will provide improved reporting and will provide automatic alarms and alerts. The system requires a one-time expense of \$64,325 and an annual fee of \$15,133. The committee recommends Sensus Analytics as a replacement for the current servers. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Schwieterman to go into executive session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Siefring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried. Time 7:14 PM.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Schwieterman to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Siefring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried. Time 7:25 PM. No action taken.

A motion was made by Siefring, second by Schwieterman to purchase the Sensus Analytics program at a total cost of \$79,458. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Siefring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Thomas reminded everyone that the Chamber Banquet was cancelled for February. The awards presentations are available to be viewed online.

Siefring will be absent from the February 22, 2021 meeting.

Schwieterman asked residents to please call the office if they see water puddled up on a street with these temperatures.

Rutschilling will be absent from the February 22, 2021 meeting and the March 8, 2021 meeting.

Several people commended the snow plow crews on a job well done for the first big snowfall of the year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brunswick, second by Bettinger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor