

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

April 12, 2021

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the election room of the Municipal Building on April 12, 2021, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:23 PM.

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

Invocation by Brunswick.

Guests included Jason Miller and Georgia Rindler. Steve Stammen, Keri Stammen and Jenny Schwieterman joined the meeting at 7:48 PM.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Schwieterman to approve the minutes from March 8th. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Siefring, Schwieterman, Bettinger and Brunswick. Rutschilling abstained. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: The statistics report for March was distributed. Chief Miller briefly discussed an incident from a couple of weeks ago. A child was struck by a car near the school but did not cross the street in a crosswalk.

Finance Director: Eyink discussed the tax report and cash position report. He also advised that the regular audit will begin next week on April 19th.

Village Manager: Thomas said the census that is being done per our charter is going well, it is about 2/3 completed. He said crews are busy installing a new water line on West North Street. There will be a ribbon cutting for Phase 3 of the new playground on Thursday at 8:00 PM.

Mayor: The mayor recently attended a Mercer County Health District meeting. He also attended an OPWC meeting with Eric last week. He will be a representative for District 13.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Buschur to go into executive session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Siefring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried. Time 7:38 PM.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Siefring to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Siefring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried. Time 7:48 PM. No action taken.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Schwieterman to approve the seasonal employees at the park for 2021. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Siefring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Buschur Abstained. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Resolution 814: A resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2021 and declaring it an emergency. A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Brunswick to suspend the rules for Resolution 814. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Siefiring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Siefiring to approve Resolution 814 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Siefiring, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held regarding Ordinance 1701. Ordinance 1701 would rezone 6 lots from R-2 to R-4. Jenny Schwieterman said her main concern is that when she bought her lot, all of the lots in that area were zoned for single family homes. She would like it to stay that way. Keri Stammen voiced concerns of increased traffic in that area as there is only one way in and one way out of that area. There were also questions about a detention pond and the possibility of increased flooding to the homes that are currently in that area. Council held a discussion on whether or not to table the first reading of the ordinance or to go ahead with the first reading. It was decided to go ahead with the first reading and table the ordinance at a later date if needed.

Ordinance 1701: An Ordinance rezoning certain real estate located within the Village of Coldwater, Mercer County, State of Ohio from R-2 Suburban Residential to R-4 Apartment Residential and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1701 received its first reading.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Thomas scheduled a Research Committee meeting for April 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM to further discuss Ordinance 1701.

Schwieterman commented on Phase 3 of the Park 4 All Abilities, he said it looks great and is a wonderful addition to the community.

Brunswick asked if there was any update on the sidewalk near Hometown Cable. Thomas will look into it.

Rutschilling told the guests from his ward to feel free to reach out to him with any further concerns regarding the rezoning in that area.

Bettinger also commented on Phase 3 of the Park. She said it looked great and thanked everyone who donated and who worked on the project.

A motion to adjourn was made by Siefiring, second by Brunswick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor