RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

January 10, 2022

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on January 10, 2022, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Bettinger, Niekamp, Brunswick, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling.

Guests included Jason Miller, Ralph Schwieterman and Georgia Rindler.

Law Director Judy Koesters presided over the swearing in of newly elected council members Dale Rutschilling and Brad Niekamp.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger to appoint Mike Seitz and Kevin Brunswick to Village Council. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Buschur and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

Law Director Judy Koesters presided over the swearing in of newly appointed council members Mike Seitz and Kevin Brunswick.

A nomination was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to elect Bettinger as council president for 2022. A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Niekamp to close the nomination process and elect Bettinger. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Brunswick, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Bettinger abstained. Motion Carried.

The agenda was revised to add an executive session to discuss both land and personnel. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Niekamp to approve the revised agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Brunswick, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Miller discussed the 2021 statistics report. He also mentioned there will be a 'Light up the Hospital' event on January 27, 2022 at 6:00 PM that his department will be a part of.

Finance: Eyink discussed the cash position report and income tax report for 2021.

Manager: Thomas said crews will still pick up Christmas trees around town.

Mayor: Bertke is looking forward to a good 2022.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to go into Executive Session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Brunswick, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried. Time 7:22.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Seitz to come out of Executive Session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Brunswick, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried. Time 7:30.

Rutschilling was appointed to be the Village representative for the County EMA. Rutschilling was also appointed to the Planning Commission. Bettinger was appointed to the Tree Commission. Brunswick and Niekamp were appointed to the Fire Dependent Fund Board. Seitz was appointed to the Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling to approve the appointments listed above. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Brunswick, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Buschur to adopt the rules of council. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Brunswick, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Motion Carried.

The threshold amount for competitive bidding is currently \$50,000. This threshold was reviewed and no changes will be made at this time.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Mayor Bertke will be absent from the January 24, 2022 meeting.

Rutschilling will be absent from the February 14 and February 28, 2022 meetings.

There were many thanks and well wishes to Schwieterman and also many welcomes to Seitz and Niekamp.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

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Jason Eyink, Clerk of **C**ouncil

Douglas Bertke, Mayor