

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

September 12, 2022

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on September 12, 2022, with mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Invocation by Niekamp.

Guests included Kevin Wynn and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger to approve the minutes from August 22, 2022. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Seitz to approve the bills. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to approve the agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Kevin Wynn reported that our office at the hospital is almost ready. The village will have an officer at the hospital by the end of September. He announced that they recently hired Adam Diller. He said it is getting tougher to get new officers with the pay scale the village currently has.

Finance: Wynn discussed the cash position report and the income tax report for August. He said we will need to schedule a Finance Committee meeting to begin discussing the 2023 budget. He also reported that he and Chief Miller attended a meeting last week to get more information regarding the solar eclipse in April of 2024.

Manager: Thomas said we will need to schedule a Transportation Committee meeting to discuss the 2023 street projects and to discuss the recent bike accident at the crosswalk near Holy Trinity Church. He said the next limb and brush pickup is September 19, 2022.

Mayor: None

Old Business:

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz to participate in an electrical vehicle charging station program. The costs for the three stations will be \$104,018 and will be fully refunded by AES. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur and Seitz. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Resolution 825: A resolution accepting the local government fund amount as determined by the Mercer County Budget Commission, and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Seitz to suspend the rules for Resolution 825. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Davis to approve resolution 825 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Resolution 826: A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies, and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Resolution 826. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to approve resolution 826 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:15 PM.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Buschur and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:27 PM. No action taken.

Council Call-Final Comments:

A Transportation Committee meeting was scheduled for September 19, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for September 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Bettinger asked if electric bicycles are allowed on the bike path. There is a sign that says 'no motorized vehicles.' Thomas said that according to ORC the bicycles are not considered motorized vehicles.

Bertke asked for an update on the Sixth Street paving project. Thomas said he thought they would be in town in the next week or so to start grinding some of the other streets we are doing this year. Work on Sixth Street would begin after that.

Thomas reminded everyone about the Village aggregation program for gas and electric. The aggregation rates are really good, it might be a good time to check your bill before winter is here. Residents can call the village or check the website for more information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Seitz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor