

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

February 13, 2023

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on February 13, 2023, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Invocation by Bettinger. A moment of silence was observed for former councilman Kevin Brunswick who passed away earlier this month.

Guests included Jason Miller, Kevin Wynn, Georgia Rindler and Linus Rindler.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz to approve the minutes from January 23, 2023. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

### Reports:

Police: Miller offered his condolences to the family of Kevin Brunswick. He also said the police department recently received a \$1,000 donation from St. Henry Tile.

Finance: Eyink discussed the income tax report and cash position report for January. Eyink added that the fire department also received a \$1,000 donation from St. Henry Tile.

Manager: Thomas said that work on the fence at the new dog park started today. He also said the electric vehicle charging stations are now online.

Mayor: The mayor discussed the annual chamber banquet which was held last week. He said it was a great event.

Environmental: An Environmental Committee meeting was held on January 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Present were Bertke, Seitz, Thomas, Eyink, Niekamp, Bettinger, Rutschilling, Davis and Buschur. Guests included Tom Sparklin. The first item on the agenda was discussion regarding the trash contract. The current contract with Klenke's expires at the end of May. Thomas distributed a document which showed what residents in other nearby towns pay for trash service. Mahargs currently services most of the local area. After reviewing the prices, the committee agreed that the Village should put this contract out to bid this year. The other item on the agenda was discussion of water rates. Due to inflation the costs of chemicals and salt have increased greatly. The water department has some bigger projects this year and is currently forecasted for a \$200,000 loss. The annual carryover amounts for both the water and sewer department are both about half of what they should be. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss actual rates. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1717: An ordinance levying special assessments for the improvement of certain curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and driveway approaches with the Village of Coldwater, Ohio and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1717 received its second reading.

New Business:

Ordinance 1718: An ordinance accepting the replat of lots 1780 through 1796 in Eastpointe Estates Fourth Addition to the Village of Coldwater, Ohio, accepting the dedication to public use of the streets shown on said replat and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1718. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Davis to approve Ordinance 1718 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Bids were received on February 9, 2023 for the Second Street Waterline Improvement project. The low bidder was Brenneman Excavating Inc. and the bid amount was \$176,878.10. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Buschur to accept the bid. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to accept the Peoples Bank as the public fund's depository for the Village of Coldwater. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for March 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

The regular council meeting for February 27, 2023 is still on as scheduled but may be canceled at a later date due to a lack of agenda and a few people will be absent.

Many thoughts and prayers were offered to the Kevin Brunswick family.

Bettinger mentioned that Jordan Thobe from the US Post Office would like to talk to council regarding some issues the local post office is having. Thomas will talk to Thobe and get a meeting scheduled for a later date.

Bettinger and Bertke congratulated the boys and girls bowling teams on their MAC championship and the Coldwater Robotics team on their upcoming trip to the state competition.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Seitz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Attest:   
Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council

  
Douglas Bertke, Mayor