

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

March 13, 2023

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

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

Invocation by Rutschilling.

Guests included Jim Stelzer, Kevin Wynn, Thomas Sparklin, Georgia Rindler and Linus Rindler.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: None

Finance: Eyink discussed the income tax report and cash position report for February. Eyink said we received our health insurance quote for the upcoming year. The current plan is set to increase by 8 percent. We are looking into some other options.

Manager: Thomas said the weather has been good enough to work on some projects already this year. The dog fence has been installed and crews have poured concrete in a few areas.

Mayor: None

Finance: A Finance Committee meeting was held on February 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM. Present were Bertke, Seitz, Thomas, Eyink, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Buschur. Guests included Jason Miller and Kevin Wynn. The current trash contract with Klenke's expires at the end of May. In a previous meeting, the Environmental Committee agreed to open up the contract to bid this year. Thomas noted that the bid notice will be published on March 1, 2023 and the bid opening date will be March 30, 2023. The committee also reviewed current water and sewer rates versus the cost of operation. Both departments will most likely be operating in the red in 2023 and the annual carryover amounts should be higher than what they are. The committee recommended to Thomas to prepare an ordinance to increase the rates. A motion was made by Thomas, second by Bettinger to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Time 7:50 PM. A motion was made by Thomas, second by Niekamp to come out of executive session. Time 8:30 PM. The committee scheduled another meeting for March 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 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 third and final reading.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz to approve Ordinance 1717 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Ordinance 1719: An ordinance fixing the rates and charges to be charged to the users of water service, wastewater service, cistern water treatment, and a storm utility surcharge, repealing all inconsistent legislation and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1719 received its first reading.

Council Call-Final Comments:

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for March 27, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

Buschur advised residents walking in town at night and the early morning to walk on sidewalks instead of the road. Many people are walking on the road with dark clothing and are hard to see.

Bettinger congratulated the Coldwater boys bowling team on being State runners up and Will Fox on his appearance at the State wrestling tournament.

A motion to adjourn was made by Seitz, second by Niekamp. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor