

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

September 25, 2023

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on September 25, 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 Seitz.

Guests included Georgia Rindler and Jason Miller.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Chief Miller brought the new Chevy Tahoe to the meeting tonight if anyone would like to see it. The new decals are on. Some of the other equipment is backordered and might take awhile to be installed. The statistics report is updated for August. He announced that his department has hired Chase Kuhlman. He previously worked for the Mercer County Sheriff and will start on September 27.

Finance: Eyink discussed the two funding resolutions on the agenda for tonight. He said the funding for the local government fund is down by 5 percent due to the new state budget.

Manager: Thomas said the natural gas aggregation contract is up for renewal. The village is going to sign a contract for a variable rate at this time because the fixed rates are so high. Residents can opt in or out of the program at any time. Shelly company is due back around October 2nd to finish the paving in town. Several residents have called about leaf pickup, Thomas said it will most likely be a couple of weeks yet until that begins.

Mayor: None

Committee: A reminder there is a Finance Committee meeting on October 9, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution 830: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Niekamp to suspend the rules for Resolution 830. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger to approve Resolution 830 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Resolution 831: A Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to execute and file an application with ODNR and to provide all information and documentation required to be eligible for possible funding assistance and declaring an emergency. This funding would be for new pickle ball courts. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Davis to suspend the rules for Resolution 831. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp to approve Resolution 831 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Resolution 832: This resolution was listed on the agenda incorrectly as Resolution 829. 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 Bettinger to suspend the rules for Resolution 832. 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 Resolution 832 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Thomas said he attended the Booster Club outing on Saturday and it was a nice event. He said trick or treat day for Halloween will be October 29, 2023.

Bertke asked Thomas to check out a stop sign that was damaged in an alley off of Second Street where the waterline was recently repaired. He also asked about the gas mains that Dominion is repairing on the East end of town and specifically if some of the areas they tore up will be repaired yet this year. Thomas said he is hoping they will get everything repaired soon and he will keep an eye on it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest:


Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council