

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

January 8, 2024

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on January 8, 2024, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

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

Guests included Kevin Wynn and Georgia Rindler.

Law Director Judy Koesters presided over the swearing in of re-elected officials Charmaine Bettinger, Tim Buschur and Mayor Doug Bertke.

Seitz opened the nomination process for Council President by suggesting Niekamp. His nomination was seconded by Buschur. A motion was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling to close the nomination process. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Seitz to elect Niekamp as Council President for 2024. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynn again reminded everyone to lock their cars. A few vehicles were stolen in St. Henry recently.

Finance: Wynn discussed the cash report and income tax report. Income tax revenue was favorable by \$50,000 from 2022. The general fund balance increased by 1 million from 2022 to 2023.

Manager: Thomas said the crews repaired a couple of water breaks this week. He also said the salt crews were out for the first time this season during the past weekend.

Mayor: The mayor is looking forward to a good 2024.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Rutschilling was appointed to the Planning Commission. Bettinger was appointed to the Tree Commission. Seitz was appointed to the Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the appointments listed above. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for January 22, 2024 at 7:30 PM.

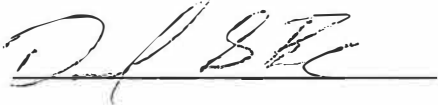
Rutschilling said he would be absent from the February 12th meeting.

Bettinger asked why the snowflakes downtown were not on any longer. Thomas said some of them were not working and they are supposed to all come down soon.

A motion to adjourn was made by Buschur, second by Seitz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Attest:

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Bertke', written over a horizontal line.

Douglas Bertke, Mayor