

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

April 9, 2024

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on April 9, 2024, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Also present were Village Manager Eric Thomas, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Jason Eyink.

Invocation by Davis.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from March 25, 2024. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Davis 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: Wynk said the interviews for the sergeant position will be held this week. He also said there were no major issues in town the day of the solar eclipse.

Finance: Eyink discussed the cash position report and income tax report. He advised that the Division of Liquor Control sent their letter regarding any objections to the renewal of liquor permits in town. Chief Wynk said there are no issues with any permit holders at this time. He received a phone call late in the day advising that the current health insurance premium will now only go up by three percent. He is still waiting on other quotes. He said another Finance Committee meeting will need to be scheduled to discuss the street analysis they recently received.

Manager: Thomas said there were no major traffic or parking issues on Monday due to the solar eclipse. He said the storm water detention system was at full capacity last week due to the heavy rains.

Mayor: Bertke thanked Niekamp for running the last meeting.

Finance: A Finance Committee meeting was held on March 25, 2024 at 7:40 PM. Present were Buschur, Bettinger, Davis, Rutschilling, Seitz and Eyink. Also present was Kevin Wynk. Eyink presented information pertaining to local tax revenue, street repair costs and balances of the general fund, street fund, permissive fund, state highway fund and park fund. Open discussion was held regarding a possible increase to the current one percent income tax rate. Timing of a levy and length of the levy were also discussed. A tax increase would benefit the general fund which would be used for street repair, park needs and to help keep wages with other towns competitive. A discussion was held regarding the condition of the streets. Street repair costs have increased greatly. A street analysis was recently completed, the results of that analysis will be discussed at a future meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Davis to go into executive session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:09 PM.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:18 PM.

New Business:

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Seitz to approve the 2024 summer employee list for the park and pool. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz and Rutschilling. Davis abstained. Motion Carried.

Resolution 833: A resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2024 and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Resolution 833. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve Resolution 833 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Niekamp said he has received several complaints about motorized bikes and skateboards riding dangerously in town. The police department has talked to the individuals involved.

Davis told Wynk he recently talked to Raffel's and they were very appreciative of him stopping at the local businesses.

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for April 22, 2024 at 8:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Sietz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council