

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

April 22, 2024

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on April 22, 2024, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Invocation by Niekamp.

Guests included Kevin Wynn, Jason Miller, Ryan Griesdorn and Georgia Rindler. Other guests included Cindy Wenning, Terry Rutschilling, Nancy Hartke, Marty Luken, Nan List, Kathy Moeder and Mike Hibner.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Niekamp to approve the minutes from April 9, 2024. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: A group of citizens discussed some concerns they have regarding Memorial Park. Among the concerns were weeds at the tennis courts and depot. A restroom near the tennis courts was too dirty to use last fall. There are playground areas where mulch needs added or it gets very muddy. Girls have been observed on their phones for long period of times while cleaning the restrooms. Terry Rutschilling said the overall appearance of the park is just not what it used to be. Bertke said we will address the issues with the park manager and the assistant park manager.

Reports:

Police: Wynn said the Tahoe which was purchased last year is finally being outfitted. There were some items that were on backorder.

Finance: None

Manager: Thomas said we received about two dozen saplings from Mercer County Soil and Water. They have been planted in the Coldwater Nature Preserve.

Mayor: Bertke attended the Cub Scout blue and gold banquet on Sunday. Wynn was also there. He said it was a good event.

Committee: None

Old Business:

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Niekamp to go into executive session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:25 PM.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Davis to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:30 PM.

New Business:

Kevin Wynk recommended Ryan Griesdorn to be the road sergeant and Jason Miller to be the hospital sergeant for the police department. His department held interviews last week. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Rutschilling to approve the appointments. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1731- An ordinance establishing amended appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and declaring an emergency. Eyink said the State Highway Fund appropriation is being increased due to the patching being done on Second Street. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1731. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.


A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1731 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.


Council Call-Final Comments:

Thomas said Vine Street has been paved out to Burkettsville-St Henry Road. The stop signs are in an we are waiting on AES for the electric. Rutschilling asked about speeding on the new road. Thomas said that would be a police issue. He also said the Arbor Day proclamation is April 26, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the dog park.

Davis will be absent from the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Davis, second by Sietz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Attest: 
Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council


Douglas Bertke, Mayor