

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

June 24, 2024

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on June 24, 2024, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Invocation by Seitz.

Guests included Kevin Wynk, Georgia Rindler and Ryck Morales.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Davis to approve the minutes from June 10, 2024. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

The agenda was revised to include a first and final reading of Resolution 836. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Seitz to approve the revised agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: Ryck Morales with the U.S. Small Business Administration spoke briefly on programs that are available through his organization when a natural disaster occurs.

Reports:

Police: Wynk said the police department has recently started a new safety rewards program. They have partnered with McDonalds and officers will distribute coupons for free ice cream when they see kids using proper bicycle safety habits.

Finance: None

Manager: Thomas said we will need to schedule a transportation committee meeting to discuss vacating an alley in town.

Mayor: None

Committee: None

Old Business:

Resolution 834: A resolution declaring the necessity of an election on the question of approving the passage of an increase of one-half of one percent to the existing Village of Coldwater Ohio income tax beginning January 1, 2025 for the purposes of public safety, municipal services, capital improvements, operating expenses, acquisition, maintenance, repair and replacement of municipal property, and all other municipal operations and obligations permitted by law. Resolution 834 received its third and final reading.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to approve Resolution 834. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Resolution 835: A resolution to approve the creation and participation in the Mercer County Joint Ambulance District and declaring it an emergency. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for resolution 835. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to approve resolution 835 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Resolution 836: A resolution directing the fiscal officer to file a certified copy of resolution 834 and attached ordinance with the Mercer County Board of Elections to put the issue of approving an increase of one-half of one percent to the existing Village of Coldwater, Ohio income tax beginning on January 1, 2025 and continuing for 5 years, on the November 5, 2024 ballot and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for resolution 836. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve resolution 836 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:


A Transportation Committee meeting was scheduled for July 8, 2024 at 7:30 PM.

Thomas said the water plant had some trouble keeping up last week due to the really hot weather and lots of watering. He said the new aggregation contract for electric is signed and the new rate is \$0.0718/kWh. He is hoping the concrete for the splash pad floor will get poured next week.

Bertke asked Thomas to look into several DPL poles in town that are leaning.

A motion to adjourn was made by Seitz, second by Davis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Attest:


Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor