

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

August 26, 2024

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on August 26, 2024, with Council President Brad Niekamp presiding. Mayor Bertke was absent. 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 Rutschilling.

Guests included Kevin Wynk, Georgia Rindler and Brian Miller.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Davis to approve the minutes from August 12, 2024. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

The agenda was revised to remove the fire department from the report section. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Seitz to approve the revised agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: Brian Miller is running for Mercer County Commissioner. He is running unopposed in November. He asked council if they had any questions for him and he spoke briefly about the upcoming EMS levy.

Reports:

Police: Wynk reminded everyone that school is back in session and to please use caution in the school zones.

Finance: Eyink discussed the pool revenue for 2024. He said it increased by about \$8,000 from last year. He said this was mainly due to the increase in season pass prices. He said the pool is now closed for the season.

Manager: Thomas said a few of the splash pad toys have finally arrived and are installed.

Mayor: None

Committee: A public meeting was held on August 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Bertke at 7:40 PM at the Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Bertke, Dale Rutschilling, Mike Seitz, Mark Davis, Charmaine Bettinger, Brad Niekamp, Tim Buschur, Eric Thomas and Jason Eyink. Guests present were Kevin Wynk, Judy Koesters, Mike Wenning, Ron Wenning and Martha Brannon.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and answer questions regarding the possible rezoning of several lots in the proposed Wenning Acres Subdivision Seventh Addition from R-2 to R-4.

A brief discussion was held on which lots would be potentially rezoned to R-4. This would allow for single family homes, duplexes or triplexes to be potentially built on those lots. There were no further questions to council regarding the rezoning. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Rutschilling 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 7:10 PM.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:20 PM.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling to allow the Village Manager to enter into a real estate purchase agreement with Lakehouse Lifestyles LLC for the property at 120 Terrace Avenue. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1739: An ordinance setting the number of members of the Coldwater Fire Department and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1739 received its second reading.

New Business:

Ordinance 1740: An ordinance rezoning certain real estate located within the Village of Coldwater, from R-2 Suburban Residential to R-4 Apartment Residential. Ordinance 1740 received its first reading.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Bettinger thanked the park staff for all of their help during the MD tournament. She said they were especially helpful when the rain arrived over the weekend.

Thoughts and prayers were offered to the Cale Wenning family and many thanks were given to the surrounding communities who showed their support during a difficult time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Seitz, second by Bettinger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor