

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 9, 2024

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on December 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, 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 Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

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

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk said the Christmas parade went well on Friday and he thanked MCERV for their help.

Finance: Eyink discussed the monthly cash report and income tax report. He said the amended budget for 2024 and the budget for 2025 will be ready for the next meeting.

Manager: Thomas said Christmas at the Park went well. The weather was great on Sunday and the activities were well attended.

Mayor: Bertke said Christmas at the Park went well and the weather was great.

Finance Committee: This report will be read at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1744: An ordinance amending Chapter 432 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Coldwater to adopt rules prohibiting texting and driving and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1744 received its third reading.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1744 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1746: An ordinance amending section 412.04 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Coldwater regarding toy vehicles on roadways and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1746 received its third and final reading.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Davis to approve Ordinance 1746 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1747: An ordinance amending the Village of Coldwater, Ohio municipal income tax ordinance section 883.012 regarding the tax rate and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1747 received its third and final reading.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to approve Ordinance 1747 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1745: An ordinance amending Chapter 648 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Coldwater to adopt a new section prohibiting loud noises and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1745 received its second reading.

#### New 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, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:06 PM.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Seitz to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:09 PM. No action taken.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Seitz to re-appoint Paul Howell to the Library Board. 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 the 2025 legal services contract for Judy Koesters. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Seitz to approve the 2025 horticultural services contract for Alex Uhlenhake. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1748: An ordinance authorizing the sale of property located at 120 Terrace Avenue, Coldwater Ohio, to 3 Peaks Enterprise LLC, authorizing the Village Manager/Engineer to execute a letter of agreement and understanding to sell the property through the CIC and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1748 received its first reading. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Davis to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1748. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to approve Ordinance 1748 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1749: An ordinance authorizing and directing the CIC as an agent for the Village of Coldwater, to sell and convey real property which is owned by the Village of Coldwater and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1749. Ordinance 1749 received its first reading. 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 1749 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Davis to re-schedule the December 23, 2024 meeting to December 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

#### Council Call-Final Comments:

Thomas will be on WCSM on December 12 around 12:30 PM. He also reminded everyone that we are looking for a new person to join the Tree Commission.

Many thanks were offered to the Christmas at the Park committee for another successful year.

Many congratulations were offered to the Coldwater football team on winning a state championship. Thanks were offered to the band, cheerleaders and the entire community for their support.

Judy Koesters was honored for serving as the Village law director for 20 years. Thank you to Judy for all she does.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rutschilling, second by Seitz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_



Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council