

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

November 25, 2024

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on November 25, 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 Bettinger.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from November 11, 2024. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Niekamp 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 they recently received a \$1,000 donation from the Mercer County prosecutor's office for a camera system in the interview room. He also said his department recently received an indictment on a drug overdose case from 2023.

Finance: Eyink said he received a \$15,000 check today from the Ohio EPA which will finalize the grant for the GPS equipment and software purchases.

Manager: Thomas said the annual holiday dinner will be on December 19th.

Mayor: Bertke said the downtown open house was well attended on Sunday and the weather was great.

Safety Committee: A safety committee meeting was held on November 25, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Present were Bertke, Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Davis, Thomas, Eyink and Wynk. A discussion was held about an ordinance which would prohibit loud and unnecessary noise. The committee agreed on the ordinance once a couple of minor changes are made. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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 second reading.

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 second reading.

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 second reading.

New Business:

A motion was made by Seitz, 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 7:07 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 7:21 PM. No action taken.

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 first reading.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Rutschilling asked if the leaf machine has been repaired. Thomas said it has been repaired.

Bertke wanted to make everyone aware that there is a time capsule at the park. He said it is supposed to be opened in 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor