

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 30, 2024

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on December 30, 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 Seitz.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

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

The agenda was revised to remove item 12 E from new business. A motion was made by Davis, second by Bettinger 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: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk thanked the residents of Coldwater and council for a good 2024.

Finance: None

Manager: Thomas included his 2024 review sheet in the council packets.

Mayor: Bertke said 2024 was a good year and he appreciates all of the staff, residents and volunteers for making it a good year.

Finance Committee: A Finance Committee meeting was held on November 25, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM. Those in attendance were Buschur, Bettinger, Thomas, Eyink, Bertke, Davis, Rutschilling, Seitz, Niekamp and Wynk. Eyink discussed potential large budget items for 2025. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Old Business:

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 third reading.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1745 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried

New Business:

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger 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 Niekamp, second by Seitz to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:18 PM. No action taken.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Davis to re-appoint Bettinger and Seitz to the Fire Dependent Fund Board. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1750: 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. Ordinance 1750 received its first reading. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1750. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1750 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1751: An ordinance establishing appropriations of the Village of Coldwater for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 through December 1, 2025 and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1751 received its first reading. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Davis to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1751. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1751 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Niekamp said 2024 was a good year and he is looking forward to a great 2025.

Buschur thanked Molly and Nancy and the rest of the Christmas at the Park committee for a job well done.

Bettinger wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Thomas said the annual Chamber banquet is February 12, 2025.

Rutschilling will be out of town for the next few meetings.

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



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest:


Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council