

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

January 13, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on January 13, 2025, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

Seitz opened the nomination process for Council President by suggesting Davis. His nomination was seconded by Buschur. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling to close the nomination process. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Seitz to elect Davis as Council President for 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Niekamp, Bettinger, Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, 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 distributed his 2024 statistics report.

Finance: Eyink said he received a letter today from the Mercer County Commissioners which confirmed the Village will no longer be paying \$11,000 annually to the county for the ambulance contract. This is due to the new levy which passed in November. He said the income tax revenue for 2024 increased by \$193,000 from 2023.

Manager: Thomas reminded residents to remove their cars from the roads any time there is a decent amount of snow to help the plow trucks.

Mayor: None

Old Business:

A motion was made by Davis, second by Seitz to go into executive session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:15 PM.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:33 PM.

Thomas said it has been a while since the Village has looked at the Community Reinvestment Area. He said new members need appointed to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. A motion was made by Davis, second by Buschur to approve the Mayor's appointment of Eyink and Thomas and Council's appointment of Charlie Froning and Mayor Bertke to the housing council. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz. Motion Carried.

New Business:

New committees were assigned for 2025.

Rutschilling was appointed to the Planning Commission. Bettinger was appointed to the Tree Commission. Seitz was appointed to the Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp to approve the appointments listed above. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling to adopt the rules of council. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz. Motion Carried.

The threshold amount for competitive bidding is currently \$50,000. The threshold was reviewed and a motion was made by Davis, second by Buschur to increase the amount to \$75,000 to match the State of Ohio amount. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1752: An ordinance accepting the plat of Wenning Acres seventh addition to the Village of Coldwater Ohio, accepting the dedication to public use of the streets shown on said plat and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1752 received its first reading.

Council Call-Final Comments:

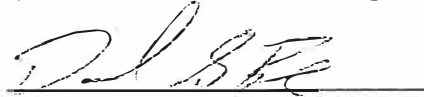
A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for 6:00 PM on January 20, 2025.

Niekamp reminded everyone to RSVP for the chamber banquet which is being held February 12, 2025.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Davis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor