

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

January 27, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on January 27, 2025, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Rutschilling was absent. Also present were Village Manager Eric Thomas, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Jason Eyink.

Invocation by Buschur.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Buschur to approve both sets of minutes from January 13, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk said there was a small industrial fire that his department assisted with today. He said the fire department did a great job and there was minimal damage.

Finance: Eyink said the property at 130 Terrace Ave is officially sold and the Village has received the payment.

Manager: Thomas said the East water tower has a leak in the stem, Davis Welding is coming tomorrow to make the repair. He said we will probably need to have the stem replaced in the near future.

Mayor: None

Finance: A Finance Committee meeting was held on January 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Present were Buschur, Bettinger, Niekamp, Thomas, Bertke, Eyink, Rutschilling and Seitz. Thomas received an estimate from RJ Corman to repair the railroad crossing on Vine Street. The wooden ties would be replaced with concrete and this project would be completed before any major repairs are made to Vine Street. The estimate was \$124,387. The committee agreed with making the repair and a motion will be made at the next council meeting. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Bettinger to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Time 6:10 PM. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling to come out of executive session. Time 6:46 PM. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Old Business:

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 second reading.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Davis to go into executive session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:09 PM.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger, Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:12 PM.

New Business:

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz to have Thomas enter into a contract with RJ Corman to repair the Vine Street railroad crossing. The cost will be \$124,387. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1753: An ordinance authorizing the purchase from Mary Ann Diller of 30.583 acres in Buter Township, Mercer County, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1753 received its first reading.

Ordinance 1754: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of land acquisition notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$1,050,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of the acquisition of certain real property located on parcel number 030368000200 for industrial or commercial development and providing for the site preparation thereof, all in support of economic development and job creation within the village, and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1754 received its first reading.

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A discussion was held about the America 250 celebration in 2026. This topic will be assigned to the Public Relations committee and a meeting was scheduled for February 10th, 2025 at 7:30 PM.

Thomas had a request for a deaf child sign to installed. This topic will be assigned to the Transportation Committee and a meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Bertke noted that Johnson Mechanical has purchased Kogge Plumbing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor