

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

February 24, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on February 24, 2025, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp and Bettinger. Rutschilling was absent. Also present were Village Manager Eric Thomas, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Jason Eyink. Seitz arrived at the meeting at 7:05 due to another meeting.

Invocation by Niekamp.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to approve the minutes from February 10, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp and Bettinger. Motion Carried.

The agenda was revised to remove item 11D from the agenda. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Davis to approve the revised agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp and Bettinger. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk said the State of Ohio has approved the continuing education classes that his department will offer.

Finance: None

Manager: Thomas said a low-risk survey form was recently mailed to local businesses as part of our backflow prevention program as required by the EPA. Thomas also said our crews have not had to do much plowing this season but they have used quite a bit of salt to due the ice we have received.

Mayor: None

Public Relations Committee: A public relations committee meeting was held on February 10, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM. Present were Davis, Thomas, Bertke, Eyink, Seitz, Bettinger, Niekamp and Buschur. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the United States of America 250<sup>th</sup> celebration which will take place in 2026. It was decided that the Village will send a letter to various organizations and invite them to an informational meeting. That meeting will be held on March 31, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1752 remained tabled.

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 third and final reading. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1753. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Buschur to approve Ordinance 1753 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Eyink explained to council that after talking to Baird in January he anticipated an interest rate on a note to be around 6 percent. He said the bids came back today and St. Henry Bank was the low bidder with a rate of 5.125 percent. The next bidder was Minster Bank at 5.25 percent. He advised we move forward with St. Henry Bank and the note ordinance.

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 third and final reading. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Buschur to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1754. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Niekamp to approve Ordinance 1754 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

New Business:

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Bettinger to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:16 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 and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:19 PM. No action taken.

Council Call-Final Comments:

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2025 at 7:30 PM.

Buschur thanked the street department. He said he has seen them out many times salting the roads.

Niekamp thanked the police department. He had a couple of alarms go off at his store and they responded quickly.

Mayor Bertke said he was asked about adding disc golf somewhere in town. Thomas said we have looked at it before and it could potentially be added in the future.

A motion to adjourn was made by Seitz, second by Davis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

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



Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council