

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

March 10, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on March 10, 2025, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Invocation by Rutschilling.

Guests included Kevin Wynk, Greg Tobe and Nicole Tobe.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to approve the minutes from February 24, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk thanked Doug and Denise Bertke for their recent donation of stuffed animals for the police department to use as rewards or in difficult situations.

Finance: Eyink discussed the cash report and income tax report. He also said our health insurance quote came in at an increase of over 6 percent. He is requesting additional quotes. He also received a letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. An application was received from Greg and Nicole Tobe for a liquor permit at 120 Terrace Avenue. Greg and Nicole were at the meeting and said they plan on making pizzas and subs and some other items at this location. They would also like to have beer and wine for carry out purposes. Chief Wynk said he did a background check and there were no issues. Council elected not to hold an official hearing with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

Manager: Thomas said with the good weather forecast this week our guys and PAB should get quite a bit of work completed on the pickleball court project.

Mayor: None

Environmental Committee: An environmental committee meeting was held on February 24, 2025 at 6:15 PM. Present were Niekamp, Buschur, Thomas, Bertke, Eyink, Davis and Brian Bruggeman. The committee discussed a low-risk backflow contamination survey that will go out to small businesses this week. A discussion was also held regarding the tank inspection report that was received from Pittsburg Tank. The EPA would now like a schedule for repairs. Thomas said the priority is the stem repair on the east tower. Once we know the full cost of those repairs, we can move on to the clear well. He will send a response to the EPA. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1752 remained tabled.

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

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:22 PM. No action taken.

New Business:

Eyink told council that our building permit fees and variance fees have not been changed since 2006. The cost of advertising a variance has increased greatly the last few years.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Davis to increase the building permit fee for additions from \$10 to \$20 and for new construction from \$20 to \$40. This will become effective May 1, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Seitz to increase the variance fee from \$65 to \$100. This will become effective May 1, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

A Transportation Committee meeting was scheduled for March 24, 2025 at 6:15 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Attest:


Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor