

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

March 24, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on March 24, 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, Bettinger and Seitz. Also present were Village Manager Eric Thomas, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Jason Eyink.

Invocation by Seitz.

Guests included Kevin Wynn and Georgia Rindler.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynn and Eyink attended a meeting with Mercer Health last week. Everything is going well with our officers staffed at the hospital. He also told council that there will be some extra overtime the next few weeks due to two babies born in their department last week.

Finance: Eyink said the new CAT mini excavator is in the back room if anyone on council would like to see it. It was a budgeted item for 2025. The price was \$83,836 and the village received \$25,000 for trading in the old unit.

Manager: Thomas said PAB construction is making good progress with the pickleball project and the Butler Street project. He said we received the annual dam report and there are no issues. He said there are some cold temperatures yet this week but he is hoping to have some restrooms at the park open next week.

Mayor: Bertke attended the annual meeting with the Mercer County Health District. The health department is requesting an additional 15% from the municipalities for the upcoming year. They requested 10% in 2024. Eyink said he attended the health department's presentation to the Mercer County Budget Commission and it was recommended that they also pursue a property tax levy.

Finance Committee: A finance committee meeting was held on March 10, 2025 at 7:35 PM. Present were Buschur, Davis, Niekamp, Thomas, Bertke, Eyink, Rutschilling, Seitz and Wynn. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Seitz to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Time 7:36 PM. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Rutschilling to come out of executive session. Time 7:59 PM. No action taken. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1752 remained tabled.

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

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:11 PM. No action taken.

New Business:

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Davis to approve the 2025 summer employee list for the park and pool. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Rutschilling said there are a lot of dogs not on leashes around the park and people are not cleaning up after their dogs around the park.

Bertke asked the police department to patrol the area of Terrace and Vine Street as a lot of people are not really stopping at the stop signs.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor