

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

May 12, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on May 12, 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 Buschur.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Bettinger to approve the minutes from April 28, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Buschur 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: Wynk reminded everyone that his department and the Kiwanis club will be hosting a bike safety day on May 18, 2025.

Finance: Eyink said the Village recently received a \$500,000 grant from the OPWC small government program. The Village will also be able to apply for a \$500,000 zero percent loan thru this program. These funds will be used on the 2026 Second Street Repair project. Eyink said this money is coming from the program that was on the ballot last week as Issue 2.

Manager: Thomas thanked the voters for passing Issue 2 last week. He said the final course on Butler Street was paved today. He said we will need to wait a couple of weeks until the pickleball/basketball courts can be painted. A water break was repaired on North Cedar Street today.

Mayor: None

Old Business:

Ordinance 1752 remained tabled.

Ordinance 1758: An ordinance prohibiting the placing of items on public right of way within the corporate limits of the Village of Coldwater Ohio, setting for the penalties for violations thereof and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1758 received its third and final reading.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Bettinger to approve Ordinance 1758. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp 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 7:10 PM.

A motion was made by Bettinger, 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 7:20 PM.

New Business:

Following executive session, council agreed to a new wage ordinance. Eyink reminded everyone that when the additional income tax was approved in November, we planned on using the money for street repair, park improvements and wage increases to stay competitive with other villages.

Ordinance 1759: An ordinance establishing certain positions and a pay schedule for hourly and salaried employees of the Village of Coldwater Ohio, providing for employee benefits not otherwise specified in the personnel policy manual, repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1759 received its first reading.

Koesters explained the annexation process to council. We will need to pass an ordinance to annex the 30 acres of land bought from the Diller family into the Village. An annexation agreement will then need signed by the Village and Butler Township and a petition will be sent to the Mercer County Commissioners.

Ordinance 1760: An ordinance authorizing the annexation of 30.583 acres of land to the Village of Coldwater Ohio, authorizing an annexation agreement between the Village and Butler Township, designating the mayor as signatory on the annexation documents and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Seitz to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1760. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1760 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Resolution 843: A resolution to adopt the solid waste management plan update for the Mercer County Solid Waste Management District and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to suspend the rules for Resolution 843. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling to approve Resolution 843 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

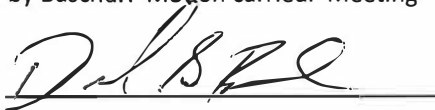
The council meeting scheduled for May 26, 2025 was moved to May 27, 2025.

Thomas said kids from the elementary school picked up sticks at the park last week.

Buschur asked for an update on the old McDonalds property. Thomas said they had a few issues with their fire inspection and it will be a little while until they open yet.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Attest: 
Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council


Douglas Bertke, Mayor