

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

May 27, 2025

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

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

Invocation by Rutschilling.

Guests included Kevin Wynn and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Bettinger to approve the minutes from May 12, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynn said the bike safety day had about 80 kids in attendance and he said about 65 new helmets were given away. He also said his department recently just purchased 8 new AED units for the cruisers. This purchase was funded by a donation. Eyink said there is now an AED unit at the municipal building as well.

Finance: None

Manager: The ODOT bridge project should hopefully be completed tomorrow. They were planning on paving today until the rain came in the afternoon. Crews are installing the lights at the pickleball court and hopefully it can be painted next week.

Mayor: Mayor Bertke spoke at the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the park. He said it was very well attended.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1752 remained tabled.

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 second reading.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Seitz to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:06 PM.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:19 PM. No action taken.

New Business:

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Bettinger to allow Bertke to authorize a county wide mutual aid and assistance agreement. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

A safety committee meeting was scheduled for June 9, 2025 at 7:30 PM.

Buschur reminded joggers to jog on the sidewalk and not on the road, especially in the early morning hours when they can't be seen.

Bettinger asked about the signs that were to be installed in the alley behind the squad building. Thomas said he would remind Stammen.

Bettinger wished good luck to the track athletes and the baseball team in their upcoming events. She also reminded everyone that the K of C picnic is this weekend.

Koesters said the splash pad has had many guests the first few days.

Bertke asked about getting a no parking sign installed in front of the new entry gate in the park.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: _____



Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council