

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

July 14, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on July 14, 2025, with Council President Mark Davis presiding. Bertke was absent. 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 Davis.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp to approve the minutes from June 23, 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 Bettinger to approve the bills. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

The agenda was revised to add item B to new business. This item is being added to make two appointments to the Mercer County Joint Ambulance District Board. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Rutschilling to approve the revised 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 said their new body and cruiser cameras are installed and they work through Motorola Cloud. He said his department recently applied for a computer systems grant, if awarded it would be a 75 percent grant with a 25 percent match.

Finance: Eyink discussed the income tax report and cash position report. Income taxes are budgeted at \$3,500,000 for 2025. He said we have received just over \$1,700,000 through the end of June. He said Dylan Schwieterman has been hired as the Assistant Finance Director and he started working on July 1, 2025.

Manager: Thomas said the fence at the pickleball courts should be installed this week. Taylor Painting will be finishing the striping on Vine Street one of these evenings. Crews have started patching some bad concrete spots on the roads. A meeting was held today with Access Engineering to discuss the 2026 Second Street project. Bettinger asked about the water usage at the splash pad. Thomas said the water is not recycled at the splash pad and it is using more water than we originally thought it would.

Mayor: None

Old Business:

Ordinance 1752 remained tabled.

New Business:

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to approve the 2026 Tax Budget. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Bettinger to appoint Rutschilling as the representative for the Mercer County Joint Ambulance District Board and to appoint Buschur as the secondary representative. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Buschur said he has heard a lot of positive comments regarding the new pickleball courts and the paving of Vine and Butler Streets.

Niekamp asked if the cameras were re-installed at the pickleball courts. Thomas said they were hooked up Friday.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest:



Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council