

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

June 23, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on June 23, 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 Seitz.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Niekamp to approve the minutes from June 9, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: 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: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk thanked McDonalds for donating ice cream coupons for his department to distribute to kids again this year.

Finance: None

Manager: Thomas said normal limb pickup was Monday last week and crews went out again Friday to get limbs from the recent storm. He said the striping should get completed this week on the pickleball courts. He said the Fifth Street waterline is in and the street is ready to be paved. Hopefully The Shelly Company will be in town soon.

Mayor: None

Safety: A safety committee meeting was held on June 9, 2025 at 7:30 PM. Present were Bertke, Thomas, Seitz, Bettinger, Niekamp, Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Eyink, Wynk and Koesters. The purpose of this meeting was to review and discuss a few ordinances for potential modification and/or updates as well as discussion and review of the new rental agreement for Coldwater Memorial Park locations. Chief Kevin Wynk handed out our current park ordinance, current parking ordinance as well some general information regarding sex offenders. Discussion followed around updating the park ordinance to include wording and sections on enforcement of violators of the park ordinance. Furthermore, discussion followed regarding adding a section to the park ordinance detailing restrictions for sex offenders. It will be decided at a future date to add to the park ordinance or have a separate ordinance for sex offenders within the community. The parking ordinance was then discussed and Chief Wynk highlighted some opportunities to update wording and add additional sections based upon complaints and observations from the community and police officers. Finally, a first draft of a new rental agreement for Coldwater Memorial Park Locations (amphitheater, shelter houses and depot) was distributed to council members for initial review. This rental agreement will also be reviewed and discussed by the Park Board in July followed by further review and discussion during a council meeting in July.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1752 remained tabled.

New Business:

Resolution 844: A resolution opposing House Bill 335 and urging the Ohio General Assembly to reject legislation that eliminates inside millage and transfers local budgetary authority to county budget commissioners and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Resolution 844. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Eyink said the Village of Coldwater currently receives around \$300,000 annually from 2 mills of inside millage. We would most likely need to go to the voters for more money if House bill 335 passes. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Buschur to approve Resolution 844 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Rutschilling thanked Chief Wynk for all of the information he gathered and discussed at the Safety Committee meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor