

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

August 11, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on August 11, 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 Bettinger.

Guests included Kevin Wynk, Dylan Schwieterman, Georgia Rindler and Marge Kahlig.

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

Comments from the Public: Marge Kahlig had questions regarding the new building going up on Burkettsville St Henry Road. She said the county requires 8-inch drainage tiles under a driveway in a ditch area. Thomas said the village has no requirements. The owner did put in two 4-inch tiles and his lot is on the hill per Thomas. Marge also doesn't think the building fits the zoning. She said the purpose of the building is to be a warehouse and that is not included in our current C-2 zoning. Thomas said at the time the building permit was taken out he thought there would be retail also but he would have to double check. She said she owns the lot to the east of this building and the height of this building will block her view of the sunset. She also disagrees with the proposed change to C-2 zoning to allow automobile and recreational storage. A Research Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the proposed change.

Reports:

Police: Wynk thanked the picnic committee and all of the volunteers for the picnic. He said there were no major issues over the weekend.

Finance: Eyink distributed the cash position report and the income tax report. He also said the Village has received the \$196,000 grant reimbursement from ODNR for the pickleball courts.

Manager: Thomas said the picnic went well and he said the committee did a great job. The MD tournament is this weekend. Crews will be working on Fourth Street next week as well as limb pickup. He contacted RJ Corman regarding the repair on Vine Street and he said they are still about 6 weeks out.

Mayor: Bertke said it was a good picnic and the weather was great. He thanked the committee and the volunteers.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1752 remained tabled.

Ordinance 1761: An ordinance providing for the establishment of zoning for all of the incorporated area of Coldwater Ohio and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1761 received its second reading.

New Business:

Ordinance 1762: An Ordinance authorizing the annexation of .245 acres to the Village of Coldwater, authorizing an annexation agreement between the Village and Butler Township, designating the mayor as signatory on the annexation documents and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1762 received its first reading.

Council Call-Final Comments:

A Research Committee meeting was scheduled for August 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Buschur said he has seen a lot of activity at the basketball and pickleball courts. He said it has been both adults and kids. He said it has turned out to be a really good project. Marge Kahlig said the courts were damaged during the 2 on 2 tournaments during the picnic. She asked Eyink if he had seen the pictures. He had not but he will look into it.

Bettinger said the MD tournament is this weekend and she asked everyone to come out and support the tournament.

Niekamp thanked the picnic committee for a job well done. He also thanked the Mayor for his donation of stuffed animals to the police department. His son received one from Chief Wynk recently.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor