

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

August 25, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on August 25, 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 Rutschilling.

Guests included Kevin Wynk, Dylan Schwieterman and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from August 11, 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 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 discussed a new phone system that was recently installed by Wabash. The police department phones are now directly linked to the municipal building phones. There is also an app the officers can use which is linked to the office phones.

Finance: Eyink said the pool revenue for the 2025 season was \$45,704 which was almost identical to 2024. He said the new phones are working great, the old phones were 20 years old and they were having some issues at the municipal building with them. Schwieterman and Eyink have a meeting this week with Stolly's insurance regarding the liability insurance.

Manager: Thomas said crews are busy replacing a section of South Fourth Street. He said the soccer goals and lines are ready for soccer season which begins next week.

Mayor: None

Research: The meeting minutes from August 18, 2025 are attached.

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 third reading.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Niekamp to approve Ordinance 1761 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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 second reading.

New Business:

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz 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 7:09 PM.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Seitz to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried. No action taken. Time 7:13 PM

Ordinance 1763: An ordinance authorizing the mayor and manager/engineer to execute an encroachment easement agreement, and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1763 received its first reading. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1763. 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 1763 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:

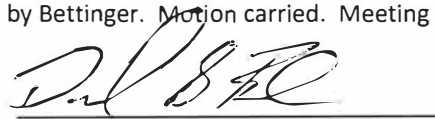
Reminder: The pickleball court ribbon cutting ceremony will be held September 8, 2025 at 7:45 PM.

Rutschilling asked why the area near East Plum and Seventh Street has not been patched with asphalt. Thomas said we are still debating about repairing that entire water line this year depending on cost. Rutschilling also asked about the digging on the East end of the park. Thomas said a storm line was repaired there. Rutschilling said the aluminum can drop off at the legion parking lot looks kind of bad. Thomas thinks it is temporary and It is sponsored by the boy scouts but not much else is known at this time.

Bettinger wished all of the fall sports teams and the band good luck in their upcoming seasons. She will be absent from the next meeting.

Thomas and Bertke discussed a nice article from Press Pros about the Coldwater football team and the recent bowling tournament that was held in Coldwater. It was some good recognition for the Village.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

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



Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council