

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

September 8, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on September 8, 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 and Seitz. Bettinger was absent. Also present were Village Manager Eric Thomas, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Jason Eyink.

Invocation by Niekamp.

Guests included Kevin Wynk, Dylan Schwieterman and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz to approve the minutes from August 25, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: None

Finance: Eyink discussed the cash report and income tax report. Income tax for August increased by \$109,000 as compared to August of 2024. Schwieterman and Eyink will be attending the Ohio Government Finance Officer Training next week in Columbus. Eyink discussed Resolution 845 and said our property tax revenue for 2026 should be basically the same as this year.

Manager: Thomas discussed the remaining wood carvings in the park. They are rotten and cracked and need to come down. He also said Mercer County did a speed study on Burkettsville St. Henry Road near the village. The speed limit is currently 45 MPH and no changes were recommended at this time. Limb pickup is next Monday and Thomas reminded people to not be setting limbs out two or three weeks early. The pickleball court ribbon cutting ceremony is tonight, he thanked everyone involved with the project and said it has been a big success.

Mayor: None

Committee: None

Old Business:

Ordinance 1752 remained tabled.

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 third reading.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Niekamp to approve Ordinance 1762 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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 and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:08 PM.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Niekamp to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:15 PM

Following executive session, a motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to accept the retirement date of October 12, 2025 for Village Manager Eric Thomas. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Resolution 845: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates set by the Mercer County Budget Commission and declaring an emergency. Resolution 845 received its first reading. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for Resolution 845. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Niekamp to approve Resolution 845 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Resolution 846: A Resolution accepting the local government fund as set by the Mercer County Budget Commission and declaring an emergency. Resolution 846 received its first reading. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp to suspend the rules for Resolution 846. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling to approve Resolution 846 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

There were many congratulations and well wishes to Eric Thomas.

Rutschilling will be absent from the September 22, 2025 meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Davis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: _____



Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council