

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

September 22, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on September 22, 2025, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Rutschilling 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, Dylan Schwieterman and Erin Gardner.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to approve the minutes from September 8, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Chief Wynk on behalf of the police department thanked Eric Thomas for his dedicated service to the Village of Coldwater. He said it is not easy being a public servant. He said every administrator should leave their office better than they received it and Thomas did exactly that.

Finance: Eyink said RJ Corman will be here on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to fix the railroad tracks on Vine Street. It will take 2 or 3 days. He said trick or treat day will be October 26, 2025 with the parade beginning at the park at 1:30. He also reminded everyone that the Tree Commission will hold their community day at the Coldwater Nature Preserve on October 4, 2025. Eyink said Thomas has taught him many things over the years and he realizes he has big shoes to fill. Thank you Eric and good luck.

Manager: Thomas thanked council for their support of him over the years. He thanked all of the village employees for being a part of the team and he said his 23 years went by really fast.

Mayor: Bertke said there is a lot going on in the world these days and there are many different viewpoints. He asked our council to focus on the positive and continue to work together for the good of the village. He also thanked Thomas for all of the time, effort and guidance that he put into this community.

Committee: None

Old Business:

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to un-table Ordinance 1752. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1752: An ordinance accepting the plat of Wenning Acres seventh addition to the Village of Coldwater Ohio, accepting the dedication to public use of the streets shown on said plat and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1752 received its third and final reading.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Niekamp to approve Ordinance 1752 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

New Business:

A motion was made by Davis, second by Seitz to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:11 PM.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried. Time 7:17 PM.

Following executive session, a motion was made by Davis, second by Niekamp to appoint Jason Eyink as the Village Manager effective October 13, 2025. Eyink will be in Group A, Step 5 on the pay scale. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Buschur to appoint Dylan Schwieterman as the Finance Director and Clerk effective October 13, 2025. He will begin receiving the additional pay for Clerk in October. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1764: An ordinance accepting the plat of Wenning Acres eighth addition to the Village of Coldwater Ohio, accepting the dedication to public use of the streets shown on said plat and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Sietz to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1764. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Buschur to approve Ordinance 1764 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Buschur, Niekamp, Bettinger and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Many thanks were offered to Eric Thomas for his 23 years of service to the Village of Coldwater. Congratulations and good luck Eric.

Seitz commented that he was approached at a recent volleyball game. The person was from Indiana and they said Coldwater was a beautiful town.

Bettinger said thanks to everyone for the condolences she received when her father passed away recently.

A motion to adjourn was made by Davis, second by Bettinger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest:



Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council