

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

November 10, 2025

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on November 10, 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, Bettinger, Niekamp and Seitz. Also present were Village Manager Jason Eyink, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Dylan Schwieterman.

Invocation by Bettinger.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from October 27, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Bettinger, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Officer Wynk thanked Bruns Construction and Coopers Hatchery for letting them use their property to run tactical trainings.

Finance: Schwieterman discussed the income tax report and that the October income tax revenue was close to \$77K higher than October of 2024. He explained this follows the recent trend of higher monthly revenue this year with the new tax rate. Schwieterman also said that the Coldwater Picnic Association has donated \$43,290. Approximately \$8,000 will go towards the pool for swim team items that will remain property of the town. The other roughly \$35,000 from the Picnic fund will be allocated towards the park to replace some of the wooden light poles out on diamond 8 with new steel light poles.

Manager: Eyink shared that the Mercer County Commissioners has signed off on an annexation request that will open up close to 31 acres of land in Coldwater for industrial or commercial development. There is nothing specific going in at this time, but Eyink will work with the County development office to actively market the site. Eyink said that leaf pickup will continue through November. He said that they will start back up sweeping leaves when the snow melts later this week. Also, Eyink mentioned that there was a water main break at Chiefs and that the water department put in a valve there to help future water breaks.

Mayor: Bertke will be attending his annual mayor's court training this Friday. Also, he and a few members of the Village will be presenting to the Coldwater High School civic classes next week.

Committee: None

Old Business:

Ordinance 1765: An ordinance regulating operation and use of village parks in the Village of Coldwater, Ohio and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1765 received its second reading.

New Business:

The bids were received on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the Second Street Reconstruction project. The low bidder was Tom's Construction, Inc. of St. Henry, Ohio with a bid price of \$1,074,714.00. A motion was made by Davis, second by Buschur to approve the bid. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Bettinger, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Eyink said that we will schedule another Finance Committee meeting in December in the next Council meeting to go over 2026 budget items. He also mentioned that the Hometown Christmas is scheduled for November 23, 2025.

Bertke has noticed as well as others recently that they are seeing more vehicles running stop signs. He has informed local law enforcement to reinforce people running stop signs.

Rutschilling said there will be a Veteran's meal for all veterans at The Cedar Table at Mercer County Community Hospital from 11am to 1pm on November 11, 2025

Thank you to all of the veterans who have served our country.

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



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: 

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council