

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 8, 2025

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

Invocation by Niekamp.

Guests included Ryan Griesdorn and Jerry Martin.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Bettinger to approve the minutes from November 24, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, 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, Bettinger, Niekamp and Seitz. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Officer Griesdorn said that the Christmas at the park went well and had a great crowd all weekend for the weather that we had.

Finance: Schwieterman discussed the monthly cash report and income tax revenue. Village's income tax revenue for November was \$258,704 which beat last year's revenue by roughly \$110,000. Schwieterman also mentioned that the Village made a final payment on a 10-year bond related to the reconstruction on the Water Treatment Plant back in 2005.

Manager: Eyink said the Christmas at the Park went well and thanked the committee and the volunteers for putting this together every year. Eyink said that the crew did a great job clearing the snow off the town roads the day we got 5-6 inches of snow. He did mention that the town will do one more leaf pickup after the weather cooperates.

Mayor: Bertke said he received a lot of positive feedback about the Christmas at the Park. He said it went well and was well attended this past weekend.

Committee: The Housing Committee was held on December 1, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Those in attendance was Eyink, Schwieterman, Bettinger, Davis, Charlie Froning, and Woody Wolters. The Committee motioned to approve the minutes from 5-12-25 meeting. Eyink presented the revised community reinvestment area map from the discussions that were held in May. The committee reviewed the map and decided to move forward with it and present it to council.

Old Business:

New Business:

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Rutschilling to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Time 7:05 PM.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Bettinger to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Time 7:07 PM. Several motions were presented following executive session.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Seitz to approve the 2026 legal service contract for Judy Koesters. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the 2026 horticultural service contract for Alex Uhlenhake. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Bettinger to appoint Andy Vickery to the Park Board. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to appoint Julie Bertke to Tree Commission. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to re-appoint Mike Seitz and Charmaine Bettinger to the Volunteer Firefighter Department Board. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1767: An ordinance amending ordinance #1536 with regard to the boundaries of the "Community Reinvestment Area" and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1767 received its first reading. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1767. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1767 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried

Ordinance 1768: An ordinance authorizing the vacating of an alley in the Village of Coldwater, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1768 received its first reading. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1768. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1768 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the revised venue rental agreement for shelter houses at the park. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Davis to re-schedule the December 22, 2025 council meeting to December 29th, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Bettinger, Niekamp, and Seitz. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Many thanks were offered to the Christmas at the Park committee and the volunteers who worked it over the weekend.

A motion to adjourn was made by Seitz, second by Rutschilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: 

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council