

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

January 12, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on January 12, 2026, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, and Bettinger. Seitz was absent. Also present were Village Manager Jason Eyink, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Dylan Schwieterman.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

Niekamp opened the nomination process for Council President by suggesting Buschur. His nomination was seconded by Rutschilling. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to close the nomination process. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to elect Buschur as Council President for 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, and Bettinger. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk distributed his 2025 statistics report.

Finance: Schwieterman went over final financial reports in 2025. The Overall Fund balance increased from \$8.4M to \$9.3M and this was largely due to the \$1M land note bond which the Village of Coldwater will begin paying off in 2026. He said 2025 tax revenue was at \$3.332M, which is a \$757K increase from 2024. The Water Fund decreased in 2025 and it is projected to decrease in 2026. He plans to look into this further to see if he needs to propose a water rate increase this year.

Manager: Eyink said East Plum Street was sawed and is prepared for the water line replacement that will start when material comes in and weather is permitting. He mentioned that the street department is starting to remove some of the damage concrete at the pool and will replace it. Eyink said there is a bid date now for Terrace Ave/Cedar St on Jan 22nd. Bid date for the water tower repair project is set on Feb 5th.

Mayor: None

Old Business:

New Business:

New committees were assigned for 2026.

Rutschilling was appointed to the Planning Commission. Bettinger was appointed to the Tree Commission. Seitz was appointed to the Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger to approve the appointments listed above. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Rutschilling to adopt the rules of council. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1771: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of the land acquisition notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$550,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of the acquisition of certain real property located on parcel number 030368000200 for industrial or commercial development and providing for the site preparation thereof, all in support of economic development and job creation within the village, and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1771 received its first reading.

Ordinance 1772: An ordinance setting the threshold amount for mandatory competitive bidding to match Ohio revised code section 9.17; and declaring an emergency. The threshold was reviewed and a motion was made by Niekamp, second by Davis to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1772. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1772 on its first and final reading. Roll Call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Davis to approve Dylan Schwieterman as Council's designee for Public Records.

Resolution 848: A resolution authorizing the village administrator to dispose of certain property declared as surplus through internet auction and declaring an emergency. The motion was made by Davis, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Resolution 848. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp to approve Resolution 848 on its first and final reading. Roll Call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

A Transportation Committee meeting was scheduled for 6:15 PM on January 26, 2026.

Rutschilling will be out from Jan 23rd through Mar 8th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Davis, second by Bettinger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: 

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council