

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

January 12, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its Sine Die meeting in the Village Council Chambers on January 12, 2026, 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 Bettinger. Seitz was absent. Also present were Village Manager Jason Eyink, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Dylan Schwieterman.

Invocation by Davis.

Guests included Kevin Wynk, Eric Thomas, and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to approve the minutes from December 29, 2025. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, and Bettinger. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Mayor and council thanked and recognized the below for their services to this community:

- Jim Miller, Park Board two terms
- Meghan Schwieterman, Zoning Board two terms
- Ralph Schwieterman and Rich Branch, Charter Review two terms
- Duane Depweg, Tree Commission two terms
- Eric Thomas, Village Administrator 23.5 years

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to appoint Eric Thomas and Steve Pax to the Charter Review Committee. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Davis, Rutschilling, Buschur, Niekamp, and Bettinger. Motion Carried.

Mayor Bertke said there were a lot of great accomplishments made in 2025 and appreciates everyone who worked behind the scenes to achieve those goals. He can't say enough good things about the community we live in and is very proud to be from Coldwater. He expects 2026 to be even busier and hopes it will be another great year.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Eyink said 2025 was a good year and is looking forward to all of the projects going on in 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: 

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council