

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

February 9, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on February 9, 2026, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Buschur, Seitz, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Rutschilling was absent. 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 Buschur to approve the minutes from January 26, 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk discussed Ordinance 1773 The police departments of Coldwater, Rockford, Ft. Recovery, and St. Henry together with the City of Celina, have agreed to enter into a new Mutual Aid Agreement effective February 21st, 2026. This will remain in continuous effect unless terminated. Wynk said that the Police department received a grant from the state for \$22,300 for their body cameras.

Finance: Schwieterman discussed the income tax revenue for January. He said the Village and the Fire department signed a contract to purchase a new tanker fire truck for a total of \$1,138,236. The agreement was to pay a 50% down payment of the total within the next month and will pay the rest when the truck is completed which can take up to three years. Schwieterman also mentioned that the excavator that burned up in 2025 has been auctioned and sold. The buyer plans on picking it up sometime within a week or two.

Manager: Eyink mentioned that the crews the last two weeks have been working on plowing snow and removing excess snow. He said there is a nationwide salt shortage and was glad that the Village has been restocked with salt last week. Eyink said that a lot of the crew attended a trench safety training last week. He also mentioned that the Coldwater Young Farmers auction is February 14th located at the Coldwater Football Stadium on Butler Street.

Mayor: None

Committee: A transportation committee meeting was held on January 26, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM. Those in attendance were Bertke, Eyink, Buschur, Niekamp, Davis, and Wynk. Discussion was held on the crosswalk at 118 and 219. This crosswalk sign has been hit three times recently. Discussion was held to move all four stop bars and make this intersection a no turn right on red intersection. No ODOT approval is needed for this. Discussion held on pros and cons of these options and enforcement of these. They will observe the intersection for about a month to see if any more incidences occur to warrant any changes. They will meet in about a month to discuss further if needed. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Old Business:

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 third reading. A motion was made by Davis, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1771. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp to approve Ordinance 1771 on its third and final reading. Roll Call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

New Business:

The bids were received on February 5th, 2026 for the Second St. 250,000 Gallon Tower Interior Coating Improvement's project. The low bidder was Midwest Tank Management, LLC Fremont, Ohio with a total bid price of \$197,782. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Davis to approve the bid. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1773: An ordinance authorizing the mayor and chief of police for the Village of Coldwater, Ohio to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement effective February 21, 2026; authorizing the execution of all necessary and related documents; and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Buschur to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1773. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger to approve Ordinance 1773 on its first and final reading. Roll Call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

Resolution 849: An emergency resolution opposing rate increases by AES Ohio and requesting that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny AES Ohio's request for the same. The motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to suspend the rules for Resolution 849. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Seitz to approve Resolution 849 on its first and final reading. Roll Call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Americas 250th meeting will be held on February 10th, 2026

Eyink reminded everyone of the chamber banquet which is being held February 11th, 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest:



Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council