

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

February 23, 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 7:00 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 Niekamp.

Guests included Ryan Griesdorn and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp to approve the minutes from February 9, 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Bettinger 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: Officer Griesdorn talked about the Internet Crime Against Children (ICAC) that Coldwater PD is involved with and completed their first investigation. He thanked all local, state, and federal agencies involved.

Finance: None

Manager: Eyink announced that the Fire Department has received a \$33,650 grant from the State Fire Marshall to use on brand new fire hoses. Eyink said that the village crews have started working on East Plum St this week to replace water lines and resurface the roads. In the coming weeks, there will be warnings and notices put out when water will be shut off at times throughout the day. Eyink mentioned that Midwest Tank, who won the bid to work on the water tower on Second Street, has a pre-construction meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> but the plan is to have the water tower reconstruction finished prior to June. Also, Eyink mentioned that Enbridge began the gas line upgrade for Wenning Acres out on North Elm St. Eyink congratulated Village Manager Randy Diller on his upcoming retirement from Fort Recovery.

Mayor: Bertke added with the East Plum St repair that there will be a lot of street construction going on this year and this is just the start of it. He said officials will do everything they can to get streets open and the village looking its best. It's just going to take some time.

Committee: None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Council Call-Final Comments:

A Finance Committee meeting was announced for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM to discuss potential water rate increases.

Good luck to the bowling and swim teams as they head to state this week.

A motion to adjourn was made by Seitz, second by Niekamp. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: 

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council