

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

April 13, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on April 13, 2026, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Invocation by Davis.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from March 23rd, 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk welcomed John Westgerdes as the new police chief for Rockford. He is looking forward to working with him. Wynk reminded drivers to be aware of bikes and scooters now that the weather has warmed up. He also said the Bicycle Safety Rodeo will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11:00 AM.

Finance: Eyink discussed the cash position and tax report. Income tax revenue in March was favorable by \$86,000 as compared to last March. He informed council the Village will be switching the health insurance plan to Stolly Insurance and the plan will be on the Cigna network. The Village should save around three percent as compared to last year.

Manager: Eyink discussed the light poles on diamond eight. All of the old poles have been taken down due to safety concerns. The new poles and precast foundations should all arrive by the middle of May. He said the curbs and gutters in the downtown area and the North end of State Route 118 should be poured by tomorrow. He also discussed the time capsule at the park that was placed in the ground in 1976. As crews were attempting to remove the capsule from the ground the bottom portion broke off. It was evident that the items at the bottom of the capsule have been sitting in water for some time. He is hoping the stuff in the top is still in ok condition. Those items will be removed soon.

Mayor: Bertke advised residents that Klenke lawn bags are now available for purchase. Grass clippings should not be placed on the street or blown into the street.

Committee: None

Old Business:

Ordinance 1774: An ordinance accepting the plat of RK Development phase two to the Village of Coldwater, OH; Accepting the dedication to public use of the streets shown on said plat, and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1774 received its third and final reading. A motion was made by Seitz, second by Niekamp to approve Ordinance 1774. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1775: An ordinance fixing the rates and charges to be charged to the user of water service, wastewater service, cistern water treatment, and a storm utility surcharge. Repealing all inconsistent legislation and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1775 received its second reading.

New Business:

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Sietz to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:27 PM.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Davis to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:38 PM.

Following executive session, a motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Sietz to approve the seasonal park and pool employees for 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

A transportation committee meeting was scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.


Eyink announced that Dylan Schwieterman and his wife Rachel had a baby girl today. Everyone is doing great. Many congratulations were offered to Dylan and Rachel.

Seitz will be absent from the May 11, 2026 meeting.

Bettinger will be absent from the April 27, 2026 and possibly the May 11, 2026 meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Davis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Attest:   
Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council

  
Douglas Bertke, Mayor