

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

April 27, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on April 27, 2026, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Invocation by Buschur.

Guests included Kevin Wynk and Georgia Rindler and Marc Evers.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from April 13, 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: Marc Evers spoke at the council meeting with concerns with the Coldwater Creek bank near the Mall Service Center. He says the creek is getting closer to the parking lot and in a few years could cause major issues. He wanted to know who he needed to reach out to for help with the issue and prevent the bank from wearing down. Suggested maybe putting stone or concrete alongst the bank to help slow down the process. Eyink will meet with Evers at the site and discuss further plans.

Reports:

Police: Chief Wynk said the police department has gone through many training courses over the last month. He thanked Wright State Lake Campus for letting them use equipment for the training. Also, he updated the council that they made another arrest with the Internet Crime Against Children investigation.

Finance: None

Manager: Eyink updated council that the base coat of asphalt was poured on Terrace Ave and the trench on East Plum St. He said the sidewalks, curbs, and gutters downtown and on St Rt 118 have been poured and completed. Eyink mentioned that crews are working on painting the pool. Second street has begun construction, and Second street is closed between Walnut St and Sycamore St.

Mayor: None

Committee: A Transportation committee meeting was held on April 20, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Those in attendance Niekamp, Davis, Bettinger, Seitz, and Eyink. Discussed was the meeting that the transportation committee had in January. The main topic of conversation was stop bars and whether or not they should be moved back at the intersection of State Route 118 and State Route 219. The reasoning for this was trucks hitting crosswalk signals in the past. Since the January meeting there have been no more incidences. If the stop bars were to be moved back, there would need to be a no turn on red sign added to the intersection. With no more incidences having occurred it was discussed to leave the stop bars alone for now. Moving them would also likely eliminate 4 to 8 parking spots. Jason will take a look and consider moving just the northbound stop line on 118 up to 2 feet back to give just a bit more clearance for trucks. He will also look at shifting parking spots on the southwest side of 118. Other topics discussed were the alley behind Rooster Joe's that may need to be redone. And the possibility of adding a stop sign on South Street heading west in that area. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Old Business:

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 third and final reading. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1775. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, and Davis. Motion Carried.

New Business:

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:14 PM.

A motion was made by Davis, second by Seitz to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:22 PM.

No action was taken from the executive session.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Both Seitz and Bettinger can not make the council meeting on 5/11 @ 7:00 PM so council agreed to move the council meeting up to 6:30PM so that Bettinger can attend.

Rutschilling wanted to thank the village and the street workers for fixing the streetlight near their house.

Coldwater Garage Sales will begin April 30th and go through May 2nd.

A motion to adjourn was made by Davis, second by Buschur. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Attest: 
Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council


Douglas Bertke, Mayor