RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

May 11, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on May 11, 2026, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Buschur, Rutschilling, Bettinger, and Davis. Absent at the start of the meeting were Seitz and Niekamp. 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 Bettinger, second by Buschur to approve the minutes from April 27, 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk reminded everyone that his department and the Kiwanis club will be hosting a bike safety day on May 17, 2026 from 11:00 am to 1:00 PM.

Finance: Schwieterman discussed the cash position and tax report. Income tax revenue in April was favorable by $237,000 as compared to last April. The large increase is due to the 2024 tax return revenue last year was at 1% at the time versus this year we were at 1.5% for the 2025 tax returns. The Village will also be receiving a $15,000 grant through the AARP Community Challenge Program. Those funds will be used for benches, picnic tables, bike racks, and trash cans. Those will go around the pickleball/basketball courts.

Manager: Eyink updated that all the curbs on Second Street have been poured. Also, Second Street south of Sycamore Street is now down to one lane for the next week. Repairs for northbound Second Street will start here in a week or so. The holes for Diamond 8 light pole bases should be drilled this week, and the poles should come this week. The swimming pool is currently getting filled with water as they begin to get the pool ready to open at the end of May.

Mayor: None

Old Business:

New Business:

Niekamp arrived at 6:37 PM.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 6:39 PM.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 6:45 PM.

No action was taken from the executive session.

Ordinance 1776: An ordinance accepting the Replat of Lot 1839 and Lot 1840 in Wenning Acres Seventh Addition, providing for the vacation of a certain easement, and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1776 received its first reading.

Ordinance 1777: An ordinance to adopt a cybersecurity program and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1777 received its first reading

Schwieterman explained the state requires the village to adopt a cybersecurity program by July 1. This will hopefully help to prevent future cyber-attacks and if there is a cyber-attack we must have a plan to respond. Schwieterman will coordinate with the IT consultant to make sure the village is compliant with the program.

Council Call-Final Comments:

The council meeting scheduled for May 25, 2026 was moved to May 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Coldwater Community Clean-up is from May 14th - 16th

Memorial Day Services at the park May 25th

K of C picnic June 5th – 7th

Taste of Town is June 16th

Niekamp told the council he picked up some of the time capsule items after letting them dry out and said that some of the pictures look great and he is excited to share with everyone at the Red, White, and Blue event on July 4th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rutschilling, second by Davis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest:

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council