RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

June 8, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on June 8, 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, Bettinger, and Davis. Also present were Village Manager Jason Eyink, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Dylan Schwieterman.

Invocation by Niekamp.

Guests included Kevin Wynk, Alex Schoen, Chase Kuhlman, Ryan Griesdorn, and Georgia Rindler.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp to approve the minutes from May 26, 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Wynk gave recognition to officers Alex Schoen and Chase Kuhlman for their involvement in an incident on November of 2025, where they performed a lifesaving act using the AED. Wynk and Eyink presented awards to both officers for their heroic act that day. Wynk also said that the Police Department could be expecting a $8,000 grant funding towards their computer upgrades.

Finance: Schwieterman discussed the cash position and tax report. Income tax revenue in May was $247,655, which is $12,943 higher than last year's tax revenue. He also reminded everyone that the water utility rates changes have gone into effect June 1st. The new rates will reflect on the October billing.

Manager: Eyink updated us that the Diamond 8 lights at the Memorial Park have been installed. He said a few trees need to be trimmed around the light poles and some grass needs planted but other than that it's looking great. Eyink also reached out to ODOT about the Second Street project, and they still are about three weeks out as they are currently on St Rte 49.

Mayor: None

Old Business:

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 third and final reading. A motion was made by Buschur, second by Davis to approve Ordinance 1776. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1777: An ordinance to adopt a cybersecurity program and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1777. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp to approve Ordinance 1777 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Council Call-Final Comments:

Eyink mentioned potentially cancelling the June 22nd council meeting depends on if anything pops up on the agenda.

Both Buschur and Niekamp had multiple residents concerned about kids with their scooters and bikes not following street and sidewalk safety laws. They are worried that there will be an accident.

Rutschilling asked about the Seafood island building downtown and the plans with it going forward. Eyink responded that he's been in contact with the manager and is working on a solution.

Congratulations were extended to the Coldwater High School track and baseball teams for their great seasons.

Bettinger and Niekamp thanked the Knights of Columbus members and volunteers for providing a great picnic weekend.

The time capsule open house will be held at the Coldwater Public Library June 15.

Taste of Town is June 16th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Davis, second by Niekamp. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: _____

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council