RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

August 10, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on August 10, 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 Ryan Griesdorn & Georgia Rindler

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to approve the minutes from July 27, 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: N/A

Reports:

Police: Officer Griesdorn thanked the picnic committee and all the volunteers for a great picnic. He said there were no major issues over the weekend. He also wanted to thank Celina PD for letting them use their police trailer.

Finance: Schwieterman discussed the cash position and tax report. Income tax revenues continue to beat last year's revenue with $255k collected in July. He also said they purchased two vehicles. The first was a used truck for $17,900 for Jason's use. Jason was using the street department's truck temporarily. That truck will go back to the street department. The other vehicle purchased for $79,537 was a one-ton dump truck that will be used to pull the leaf machine. The previous truck was experiencing ongoing electrical issues. Both vehicles were approved and in the budget for 2026.

Manager: Eyink wanted to thank the picnic committee for putting on a great picnic. He mentioned that Sunday was one of busiest Sunday's Coldwater has ever had. Crews started today on the intersection of North Cedar St and W Vine St and will head towards Main Street to replace a water line and will pour asphalt on the road. He mentioned the asphalt plant is down so he hopes they can pave the road in a timely manner. Pavement Tech will be coming tomorrow or Wednesday to spray a sealer on the new roads on Butler St, W Vine St, E Plum St, and N Fifth St. This sealant should extend the life expectancy on the road by 5-10 years longer. Also, he says that they lost another tree at the park from the wind storm this morning. We lost a few trees this year at the park, and the plan is to replant new trees this fall.

Mayor: Bertke said it was a great picnic even with the weather impacting a portion of the picnic. He thanked the committee and the volunteers.

Committee: Coldwater Village Council Safety Commission Meeting met on July 27th at 6:15 PM to discuss safety regulations regarding electric bicycles and micromobility devices. Eyink distributed copies of ordinances from other local areas regarding electric bicycles and micromobility devices to be used for references and discussion. Discussion was held regarding current laws and ordinances, how to enforce them and consequences for violations of these laws and ordinances. Topics included helmets, age limits, fines, as well as timelines. Safety commission will read over the paperwork and reconvene August 10th at 6:15PM to make recommendations.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1779: An ordinance to control the unattended dog and cat population of the Village of Coldwater. Ordinance 1779 received its second reading.

New Business:

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Davis to go into executive session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:07 PM.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Buschur to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:09 PM.

No action was taken from the executive session.

Ordinance 1780: An ordinance accepting the re-plat of part of Out Lot 13 and all of Out Lot 14 in the Village of Coldwater, Ohio for Huber Homes Enterprises, LLC and declaring an effective date. Ordinance 1780 received its first reading.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Many of the council members gave thanks to the picnic committee and all the volunteers for battling the weather and making it a great picnic weekend.

Niekamp reminded everyone that Coldwater MD tournament is from Aug 12th – Aug 16th.

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

Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: _____

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council