RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

August 24, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on August 24, 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, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Dylan Schwieterman.

Invocation by Rutschilling.

Guests included Kevin Wynk & Georgia Rindler

A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Niekamp to approve the minutes from August 10, 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: N/A

Reports:

Police: Wynk wished good luck to all the students and the faculty on a great school year. He wanted to remind everyone to be mindful of the new drop-off and pick-up locations and be attentive of kids walking to and from school.

Finance: Schwieterman said they will be meeting with Stolly Insurance this week regarding their liability insurance. The contract with them ends at the end of September so they are doing their due diligence and reviewing different options.

Manager: Eyink said that the crews have put in the new water line replacement on North Cedar St. He mentioned there were two unmarked gas lines hit but are now fixed. He will be meeting with PAB on Thursday to discuss the timeline on North Cedar St and Terrace Ave as they are ready for them to work on the streets. Eyink gave an update on the pool. He mentioned there were complaints about the pool closing early but received the final report and the pool only closed once due to lack of attendance and one other day due to staffing shortage. He did note that revenues were up from the previous year, so he felt like it was a great year out at the pool. Striping on 2nd St will be starting tomorrow. The soccer fields were swamped with the rain, but they will have the goals set out this week and ready for use later in the week.

Mayor: None

Committee: Coldwater Village Council Safety Commission Meeting met on August 10th at 6:15 PM to discuss safety regulations regarding electric bicycles and micromobility devices. The committee decided that helmets will be required for anyone under the age of 18 riding an e-bike or micromobility device. Potential penalties for not following the law would be a warning for the first offense and a fine for the second offense. The third offense would result in confiscation of their device where they would have to pay an additional fine to get the device returned. The potential concerns were discussed. One concern was how the police were going to verify the age of the rider in question without identification. Another concern is the negative effect for the police long term if they start enforcing these rules. They do not want to tear down the citizen/police relationship, especially the school aged kids. Eyink said he will discuss the policy changes with Law Director Judy Koesters before presenting the ordinance for council reading.

Old Business:

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

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1779 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis. Motion Carried.

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 second reading.

New Business:

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Davis to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:08 PM.

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Bettinger to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 7:11 PM.

No action was taken from the executive session.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Chamber Member breakfast will be on September 15th, 2026.

Mercer County Hazardous waste day will be September 12th, 2026.

Bettinger, as one of the members of the MD committee, wanted to give a huge shoutout to Toby Siefring for getting the diamonds ready with all the rain they received over the tournament weekend. She also thanked the volunteers for helping at the event.

Niekamp thanked the MD committee for doing a great job of getting as many games in as they could with all the rain.

Bertke and Niekamp thanked the Coldwater police officers for their quick actions at the MD event. The officers resuscitated a male who went down and was not responding and performed CPR and used the AED unit until EMT arrived.

Bertke mentioned he will not be able to make it to both September council meetings.

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