RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

October 12, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on October 12, 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 Davis

Guests included Kevin Wynk & Georgia Rindler

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from September 28, 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Niekamp 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: None

Finance: Schwieterman discussed the cash report and income tax report. Income tax revenue through three quarters of 2026 is $3,005,047. That number is favorable at the same point in time last year by $494,734. He expects to exceed their forecasted income tax revenue this year. The state issued a disaster relief program for the Jan 2026 winter storm incident that would reimburse local municipalities up to 75% of their cost from those storms. Schwieterman said that they applied and received the reimbursement for a total of $11,196. He also wanted to thank the MD committee for their generous donation to the Coldwater Memorial Park. The proceeds will go towards operating supplies in helping to maintain the park.

Manager: Eyink gave updates to the projects happening in the village. The work on the water tower is almost complete and the plan for them is to fill the tower back up sometime this week. On the north end of Terrace some of the curbs have been poured and the north end of Terrace should start to get paved on Friday including the intersection of Vine St and Terrace St. PAB is also working on tying in the new water lines on the north end of Terrace and hope to finish that work this week as well. Eyink said that the bid opening for the 2027 Butler St and E Walnut St street repair will begin on October 15th at 11:30 AM. Eyink also told council they discovered that the state is now looking into passing legislation for e-bikes and motorized devices. He added that they will pause the effort on creating an ordinance over the next couple of months and see what the state comes up with before implementing any ordinance for the village.

Mayor: Bertke thanked Buschur for running the last two council meetings.

Committee: None

Old Business:

New Business:

Ordinance 1781: An ordinance approving a modification of setback lines regarding Lot 1805 and 1806 in Eastpoint Estates Fourth Addition in the Village of Coldwater and declaring an emergency. Ordinance 1781 received its first reading. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1781. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Seitz, second by Rutschilling to approve Ordinance 1781 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

A transportation meeting to discuss the park's parking/traffic flow is scheduled for October 26th at 7:30 PM.

Halloween Parade October 25th at 1:30 PM. Trick or Treat will begin shortly after from 2PM – 4PM.

Last day for limb and brush pickup will be on October 19th.

Leaf pickup will not start until after the last day of limb and brush pickup.

Bettinger cannot make the November 9th date unless it is moved up. They will discuss if that needs to happen at the next council meeting.

Niekamp wishes good luck to the Cross-Country teams as they begin their tournament run.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Seitz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest:

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council