RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

October 26, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on October 26, 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 Buschur

Guests included Kevin Wynk, Georgia Rindler, & Benjamin Rife

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to approve the minutes from October 12, 2026. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

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

Comments from the Public: Benjamin Rife with West Ohio Community Action Partnership (WOCAP) wanted to let the Auglaize and Mercer County communities know that they will be offering a Fatherhood Initiative Program & Workshops. The Fatherhood Initiative is a supportive program that helps fathers and father figures strengthen their relationships with their children, build parenting skills, set goals, and overcome barriers that may affect their families. The program is for fathers, expectant fathers, and father figures with children under the age of 18. WOCAP received a grant for this program and will be incentivizing participants with $200 completion of the program and a gas card for traveling if attending in-person group sessions. There are other options where you can attend online as well. For more information you can go online at www.wocap.org.

Reports:

Police: Wynk told the council all the officers went through training this past week on their new tasers they received recently. Wynk said they budgeted new tasers this year because their old ones were over 10 years old and were in rough shape.

Finance: none

Manager: Eyink gave updates on the Terrace Avenue project. The Northern end of Terrace Avenue towards Vine Street is paved with the final coat. The waterline has been installed on Terrace Avenue between South Dogwood Dr and Hilcrest Drive. Final gravel will be filled in the same area later this week as well.

Mayor: Bertke said it was a great day for the Halloween Trick or Treat parade and event and didn't hear of any issues.

Committee: None

Old Business:

New Business:

The bids were received on October 15th, 2026 for the Butler & E Walnut Street Improvement project. The low bidder was PAB Construction Co. of Coldwater, Ohio with a bid price of

$959,296.30. A motion was made by Davis, second by Buschur to approve the bid. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Seitz, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, Davis. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Seitz cannot make the next Council meeting on November 9th.

Bettinger can make the next Council meeting on November 9th if we move the time up.

The next Council meeting has been changed and will be held on November 9th @ 6:30 PM.

Niekamp congratulated the Cross-Country runners who advanced to the next tournament race.

Elections will be held at the Municipal Building on November 3rd.

Final pickup for yard waste bags is scheduled for November 16th.

Hometown Christmas is scheduled for November 22nd.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Niekamp. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: _____

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council