RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

November 9, 2026

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on November 9, 2026, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Seitz was absent. Also present were Village Manager Jason Eyink, Law Director Judy Koesters and Finance Director Dylan Schwieterman.

Invocation by Bettinger

Guests included Kevin Wynk & Georgia Rindler

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

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to approve the bills. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, 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, 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 for October was $311,656 which is $52,565 higher than last year. He also said the Village received a $5,000 donation from the Foundation of Rural Service to install new AED units at shelter house 1 and replace some of the old units around the park. He thanked Wabash Mutual Telephone for their assistance in receiving the grant.

Manager: Eyink gave updates on the Terrace Avenue project. The water main on Terrace was installed and tied into Main Street last week and as of today all service lines are now tied into the new water line. He said there are a few curbs that need to be poured but should get to it sometime this week. PAB will be putting gravel sub-base in tomorrow and that the pavers should be there next week weather permitting. He also added that the leaf pick-up is ongoing throughout town.

Mayor: None

Committee: Transportation committee held their meeting on October 26, 2026, to discuss parking on Park St, Mill St, and Elm St during certain events, including sporting events, as there are safety concerns with vehicles getting through during an emergency. The committee discussed sending a survey to gage homeowner's opinions on temporary no parking orders on one side of the road during those events. Also, they will work with the school on possible parking options to help with the traffic.

Old Business:

New Business:

A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Buschur to go into executive session to discuss personnel and land. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 6:40 PM.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Buschur to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried. Time 6:45 PM.

No action was taken from the executive session.

Resolution 850: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates set by the Mercer County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and declaring an emergency. Resolution 850 received its first reading. A motion was made by Niekamp, second by Rutschilling to suspend the rules for Resolution 850. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Rutschilling to approve Resolution 850 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

Resolution 851: A Resolution accepting the local government fund as set by the Mercer County Budget Commission and declaring an emergency. Resolution 851 received its first reading. A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Davis to suspend the rules for Resolution 851. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Niekamp to approve Resolution 851 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Buschur, Rutschilling, Niekamp, Bettinger, and Davis. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Finance Committee meeting scheduled for November 23rd at 6:30 PM.

Bertke and Bettinger congratulated all the Coldwater athletic fall sports teams on a great season and wished good luck on their tournament run.

Hometown Christmas is scheduled for November 22nd.

Christmas at the Park is scheduled for December 4th – 6th.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Rutschilling, second by Davis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

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Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Attest: _____

Dylan Schwieterman, Clerk of Council