

Held \_\_\_\_\_ April 14, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on April 14, 2014, with Mayor Joseph Knapschaefer presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Branch, Ahrens, Schwieterman, Kessen, Bertke, and Brunswick.

Invocation by Ahrens.

Guests included Doug Drexler and Jason Miller.

A motion was made by Branch, second by Brunswick approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2014. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Branch, Ahrens, Kessen, Bertke, and Brunswick. Schwieterman abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bertke to approve the payment of the bills. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Branch, Ahrens, Schwieterman, Kessen, Bertke, and Brunswick. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ahrens, second by Kessen to approve the amended agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Branch, Ahrens, Kessen, Schwieterman, Bertke, and Brunswick. Motion carried.

Comments from the Public: None.

Reports: Finance Director: Bellinger reported that he has received the Ambulance Service Contracts which need Council approval. Bellinger also reported that the Cash Position and Income Tax Reports were in the Council Packets.

Village Manager: Thomas reported that the work is scheduled to start on the sewer study this week.

Mayor Knapschaefer reported that the Village has been named a Tree City USA for the 12<sup>th</sup> year.

Environmental Committee. Bertke reported that the Environmental Committee met on March 24, 2014 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Knapschaefer, Thomas, Branch, Bellinger, Don Bruns, Doug Drexler, and Bertke.

Bruns discussed the sludge removal from the ponds at the Water Treatment Plant and that there are multiple possibilities to take care of this. The sludge depths were analyzed and Don believes there is more sludge than what the tests show and lagoon # 2 has the most sludge indicating at 4' deep. Environmental Techniques is a company that Don believes can help us with the removal by applying necessary chemicals in the lagoons that will eliminate the sludge through years of application. This would cost approximately \$30,000 per year and we believe after a few years the sludge will become more manageable. Another company, Metropolitan Solutions, can physically remove the sludge at a cost of approximately \$300,000. It is the committee's recommendation to use Environmental Techniques.

The committee then discussed the rates for Water and Sewer. The committee agreed that the water rate should be raised by 2 tenths of a cent per gallon which would bring the cost of water to 1.2 cents per gallon. The state is also informing us that we need to eliminate the Water Improvement Fund and Sewer Improvement Fund by the end of the year.

The committee then went into Executive Session to discuss land at 6:13 PM and came out at 6:15PM with no action taken.

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There was also a discussion and support for a resolution to support State Issue 1 for capital improvement funds from the state. The committee supports Issue 1. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Finance Committee: Schwieterman reported that the Finance Committee met on March 24, 2014 at 6:30 PM with Mayor Knapschaefer, Thomas, Branch, Brunswick, Bertke, Eyink, Bellinger, and Doug Drexler present.

Eyink discussed new accounting software that is needed, as our current software is at least 15 years old. If we order new software with our current vendor, it will be at least 6 months lead time before anything will happen. Software Solutions gave quotes for accounting and payroll programs for a total of \$15,000 which included installation and training. To upgrade to new software we would also need a new server. Thomas discussed linking to the Police Department server and this could then be our offsite backup and our server would also then be an offsite backup for the Police Department. Thomas will get a price.

Bellinger discussed eliminating the Water and Sewer Improvement Funds as suggested by the audit review. He will need to properly verify the proper options to zero both funds by the end of the year. We will also need to eliminate the Fire Capital Fund and the Special Purposes Fund by the end of the year. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Old Business: Ordinance Number 1618...An ordinance levying special assessments for the improvement of certain curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and driveway approaches within the Village of Coldwater, Ohio; and declaring and effective date. A motion was made by Branch, second by Ahrens to pass Ordinance Number 1618 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Branch, Ahrens, Schwieterman, Kessen, Bertke, and Brunswick. Motion carried.

Ordinance Number 1619...An ordinance fixing the rates and charges to be charged to the users of water service; wastewater service; cistern water treatment; and storm utility surcharge; repealing all inconsistent legislation; and declaring an effective date, received its first reading.

New Business: A motion was made by Branch, second by Kessen to approve the purchase of a new John Deere mower for \$15,250 from Lefeld Implement. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Branch, Ahrens, Schwieterman, Kessen, Bertke, and Brunswick. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bertke to support State Issue 1 on the upcoming election. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Branch, Ahrens, Schwieterman, Kessen, Bertke, and Brunswick. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ahrens, second by Branch to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and land. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Branch, Ahrens, Schwieterman, Kessen, Bertke, and Brunswick. Motion carried. Time 7:22PM.

A motion was made by Kessen, second by Bertke to come out of Executive Session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Branch, Ahrens, Schwieterman, Kessen, Bertke, and Brunswick. Motion carried. Time 7:35 PM

Final Comments: A Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for April 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM. A Finance Committee was scheduled for April 21, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

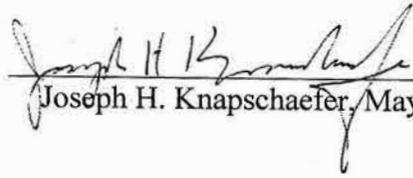
Bellinger reported that we recently sold our old police car for \$3,051.00 at public auction and that we currently have several other items being sold through PublicSurplus.Com.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Ahrens, second by Branch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

  
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Joseph H. Knapschaefer, Mayor

Attest:   
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Clyde W. Bellinger, Clerk of Council