

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

February 8, 2016

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on February 8, 2016, with Mayor Joe Knapschaefer presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Invocation by Schwieterman.

Guests from the EMS included Todd Griesdorn, Tracie Brown, Jessica Hoyng, Kevin Weber and Kyle Gerlach. Guests from the Daily Standard included Doug Drexler and Georgia Rindler. Guests from the Police Department included Calvin Freeman, Dave Dues, Dan Speckman and Kyle Silver. Other guests included Todd Reigelsperger, VJ Westerheide, Charmaine Bettinger, John Yoder and Kevin Fennig.

A motion was made by Bertke, second by Branch to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2016 regular meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bertke, Branch, Kessen, Ahrens and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: Tracie Brown of the EMS, spoke about concerns she has about the low pay of the police officers in the Village. She also read a letter from Mark Enyart, he also expressed his concerns about police officers leaving the Village for better pay. He said he was willing to do whatever it takes to increase the pay of the officers, he would even vote for a tax levy. John Yoder asked council to please find out how the pay of Coldwater Officers compares to other communities. Todd Griesdorn of the EMS said the Village should 'go out of its way' to keep good employees. He noted that the officers put their lives on the line and that Coldwater has become a training facility for officers. Charmaine Bettinger said as a single female she takes comfort knowing we have some veteran officers who know this town. She offered thanks to the police officers for all they do and set that Coldwater should 'set the bar' when it comes to pay. Rich Branch thanked everyone for coming. He agreed that our officers do a great job, and he wanted to let everyone know that council will have meetings in the near future to address this matter.

Reports:

Finance Director: Eyink stated that the tax report and cash position report are in the packets. He noted that the tax revenue was up in January. He also discussed OhioCheckbook.com which is provided by the State Treasurers office. Council agreed Eyink should look into this, and he will let them know if any issues arise.

Manager/Engineer: Eric stated that there have still been a few water breaks but they have all been repaired.

Mayor: None

Environmental: The Environmental Committee met on January 25, 2016 at 6:30 PM. Present were Mayor Knapschaefer, Thomas, Kessen, Schwieterman and Brunswick. There are two wastewater projects this year. The first project is the SSO elimination project. Plans are approved and funding looks positive for two tanks and one lift station. We applied for a \$500,000 loan and a \$500,000 grant with 20% match. Our estimates are for \$300,000-\$400,000 per project. The second project is the home inspection of sump pumps being emptied into the sanitary sewer. A letter will be sent to homeowners and future meetings will be scheduled to work out the details. The last item discussed was the water line replacement with six inch plastic tile on Second Street. This needs to be completed before the paving of Second Street in 2017. It will start near the Eagles and end around Betty Lane. It will be bid out and can hopefully start this spring if possible. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Kessen to go into executive session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bertke, Branch, Kessen, Ahrens and Brunswick. Motion Carried. Time 7:14.

A motion was made by Branch, second by Bertke to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bertke, Branch, Kessen, Ahrens and Brunswick. Motion Carried. Time 7:45. No Action Taken.

New Business:

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for February 16th at 7:00 PM.

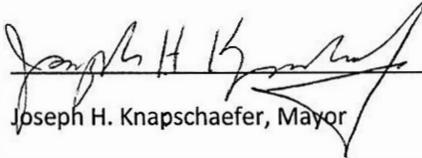
An Environmental Committee meeting was scheduled for February 22nd at 6:30 PM.

Council Call-Final Comments: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Bertke, second by Schwieterman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Ewink, Clerk of Council


Joseph H. Knapschaefer, Mayor