

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

March 27, 2017

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on March 27, 2017, with Mayor Joe Knapschaefer presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Invocation by Bertke.

Guests included Georgia Rindler, Jason Miller and Spencer Heint.

A motion was made by Bertke, second by Brunswick to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2017 regular meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Bertke, Kessen and Ahrens. Branch abstained. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: Chief Miller introduced Spencer Heint to council. Spencer started full time as an officer on February 27, 2017.

Reports:

Finance Director: Eyink said the cash position report and income tax report were in the packets. The tax revenue is down about \$100,000 compared to this time last year. He also mentioned the Division of Liquor Control sent its annual letter regarding any objections to the renewal of liquor permits in town. Chief Miller said there were no problems with any permit holders at this time.

Manager/Engineer: Thomas said utility bills will go out this week. He said there is a lot of useful information included with this quarter's bill. He mentioned that the dugout project is nearing completion. It is being paid for by the Duck Race Committee. He thanked Steve Wolters and the other volunteers that helped on this project. He mentioned the following bid dates on upcoming projects: April 6th is the bid opening for the Pavilion project, April 13th is the bid opening for the ODOT paving projects, and April 20th is the bid opening for the North Street project. He also reminded council that the Mercer County Community Development breakfast is scheduled for April 13th at 7:45 AM. Thomas also scheduled an Environmental Committee meeting for April 10, 2017 at 6:15 PM.

Mayor: Knapschaefer said he recently attended the yearly meeting for the Mercer County Health District. He and Thomas also had a meeting with FEMA to discuss mitigation plans. He also has information regarding the upcoming Prevention Coalition meeting if anyone is interested in attending.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ordinance 1658: An Ordinance for the maintenance and preservation of the urban forest within the Village of Coldwater, Ohio; and the management guidelines for the introduction of additional trees, repealing all inconsistent legislation, and declaring an effective date received its first reading.

A motion was made by Branch, second by Bertke to approve the hiring of the summer employees as handed out. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Branch, Bertke, Kessen and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

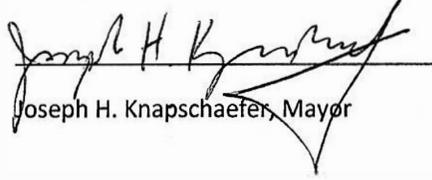
Schwieterman mentioned that he attended the recent Mercer County EMS meeting. They are looking at raising the rates of ambulance runs. He said currently the Medicare and Medicaid runs are losing money.

Bertke asked about adding a left turn lane going North on 118 near the school. Thomas said the turn lane was eliminated by ODOT at one time. He will look into this change with our upcoming ODOT project.

A motion to adjourn was made by Schwieterman, second by Branch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council


Joseph H. Knapschaefer, Mayor