

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

September 11, 2017

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on September 11, 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 Jason Miller, Georgia Rindler and Brent Forsthoefel.

A motion was made by Branch, second by Schwieterman to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2017 regular meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Branch, Bertke and Kessen. Ahrens abstained. Motion Carried.

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

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

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Miller distributed an event activity report for the police department. Year to date incidents are up 38% so far this year. He also mentioned that the Mercer Co. Sherriff and Coldwater Police Department will be having a mutual drug 'take back' event in October.

Finance Director: Eyink discussed the income tax report and the cash position report. He also discussed Resolution 784 and 785. The Local Government Fund revenue will decrease about 3% in 2018.

Manager/Engineer: Thomas stated that Klenke's Trash will no longer pick up cardboard at the City Garage. Residents will need to put cardboard out at the curb. He also said the employees are currently planting a lot of grass in all of the areas that were disturbed over the summer. He also said he received a thank you note from the Mercer County Historical Society for allowing them to host their exhibit at the park during the picnic.

Mayor: Knapschaefer, Branch, Thomas and John Mueller (ODNR) recently visited the new property the Village purchased in the spring. He said there are some large hickory trees that will need removed. He said for now the Village will focus on cleaning up the woods and creating a few walking paths. We are working with ODNR to create a 100 year plan for the woods.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Ahrens, second by Kessen to go into executive session to discuss land. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Branch, Bertke, Kessen and Ahrens. Motion Carried. Time 7:11.

A motion was made by Branch, second by Bertke to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Branch, Bertke, Kessen and Ahrens. Motion Carried. Time 7:15. No action taken.

New Business:

Resolution 784: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor, and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Branch, second by Kessen to suspend the rules for Resolution 784. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Branch, Bertke, Kessen and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Ahrens to approve Resolution 784 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Branch, Bertke, Kessen and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

Resolution 785: A resolution accepting the Local Government Fund amount and rate as determined by the Mercer County Budget Commission, and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Bertke to suspend the rules for Resolution 785. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Branch, Bertke, Kessen and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bertke to approve Resolution 785 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Branch, Bertke, Kessen and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

A Finance Committee meeting was held earlier in the evening. The committee recommended purchasing a Pierce Saber Top Mount Pumper for the fire department in the amount of \$605,956. It was recommended that the Village make a down payment of \$450,000 from the Fire Capital Fund in order to secure a discount of \$23,301.44. A motion was made by Bertke, second by Branch to purchase the fire truck. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Branch, Bertke, Kessen and Ahrens. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Thomas recommended that when we revise the Charter, we should require resolutions to have only one reading instead of the three readings we have currently.

A motion to adjourn was made by Schwieterman, second by Branch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Attest: _____

Jason Eynk, Clerk of Council



Joseph H. Knapschaefer, Mayor