

Corydon Town Council
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Ave, Corydon, Indiana on the 20th day of April 2021 at the hour of 7:30 p.m., in regular meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Lester Rhoads; Doug Castetter led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On call of the roll, members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present:	Absent:
Lester Rhoads	
Doug Castetter	
Paul Hamann – (late arrival)	
Hope Schneider	
Harlan Fisher	

Chris Byrd, Town Attorney, Town Manager Scott Flickner, and Clerk- Treasurer Treggie King were in attendance.

Hope Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes from April 6th, 2021 and Harlan Fisher seconded the motion with an approval vote of 4-0.

Doug Castetter made the motion to approve claims and sign bills. President Rhoads interjected that the Town previously stated they would withhold \$15k in payment to Mac Construction, however, he had walked through the project with the Mac project manager, and everything was completed and said Mac Construction could be paid in full. Hope Schneider seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Hope Schneider announced that the Town will receive Phase III of the COVID-19 Response Grant from OCRA in the amount of \$250,000.00. This will assist merchants within the Town limits for lost business revenue during the pandemic.

At the April 6th meeting, the Cemetery Caretaker's pay was discussed and an amendment to Salary Ordinance 2020 was approved to change the pay scale range to \$16.00 - \$20.00 an hour. Ms. Schneider asked Doug Castetter if he had the impression that the Salary Ordinance had been amended or if an hourly pay rate had determined. Mr. Castetter stated he understood the Salary Ordinance had been amended to a new range. Ms. Schneider said people were confused during the last meeting of what had been stated in the motion. President Rhoads told Harlan Fisher he had the floor since he made the motion at last meeting. Mr. Fisher stated he wanted the pay to be \$20.00 an hour for Mr. Smith and to have become effective April 6th. Mr. Castetter questioned the reason for deciding to immediately pay at the top range. President Rhoads responded Jim Smith had been working at the Cemetery almost 20 years. Ms. Schneider thought the pay was to be \$19.25 an hour. There was discussion explaining the Cemetery Board of Regents, via the Harrison County Community Foundation, had been issuing an annual \$5,000.00 bonus to Mr. Smith for the past 4 years. Further discussion posed a question as to whether the \$5,000.00 would then go to the Town to offset the Cemetery budget shortfall due to the raise. Mr. Fisher, as President of the Cemetery Board of Regents, stated that the grant would no longer be paid to Mr. Smith, due to the salary increase. Doug Castetter questioned the financial arrangements since there was a significant raise and the \$5,000.00 would not be funded to the Town. Clerk-Treasurer Treggie King reiterated to the Council the additional payroll commitment could only come from the

General Fund to compensate for the shortfall in the Cemetery budget. Harlan Fisher made a motion to pay Mr. Smith \$20.00 an hour retroactive to April 6th and it was seconded by Paul Hamann. The motion carried 4-1. Hope Schneider voted nay.

Paul Hamann made the motion to pay C & R Construction for Lift Station #8 and #10 and flow split structure in the amount of \$223,951.95 per recommendation by Midwestern Engineers. Hope Schneider seconded and motion which passed 5-0. This will be paid out of the sewer bond monies.

Quotes were submitted for the demolition of the Gerdon building. Town Manager Scott Flickner reminded the Council there would still be additional costs involved in addition to the quotes. The quotes were presented:

Paul Hauswald (verbal quote)	\$75,000.00
Striegel Design & Construction (written)	\$89,000.00
Kyle Nix (written)	\$35,250.00

Mr. Flickner reported Mr. Nix had demolished the other segments of the Gerdon building. This information will be provided to the Redevelopment Commission immediately following the close of the Council meeting. Mr. Flickner advised the Council of additional costs if electric is added for food trucks or other activities needing electrical service. Currently, the building is a safety hazard and several homeless people have been sheltering in the abandoned building.

College Street has had drainage issues due to hard downpours of rain. Street Supervisor Kenny Blum suggested a concrete gutter to alleviate the problem. A quote was provided by Fulkerson Contracting in the amount of \$7,425.00. Mr. Flickner stated the 8" water main running north and south on College Street has been visible during wash out periods. This situation will be discussed in detail later.

The commercial insurance had a rate increase because many properties had been underinsured. Mr. Flickner told the Council 2 years ago the Town spent \$960K on a clarifier for the wastewater system, however, it had been insured for \$132K. Older equipment rates were decreased due to depreciation. The premium increase was over \$20,000.00. Harlan Fisher made the motion and Paul Hamann seconded to pay the Bennett & Bennett insurance bill for the 2021 commercial insurance package. The motion passed 5-0. Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Flickner identified 3 police cars that needed to be decommissioned, sold, moved off premises and removed from the insurance policy.

The 457 Ridley Street was condemned by the building inspector with the Unsafe Building Ordinance and received a demolition permit for 90 days to demolish the house. The permit has expired per Susan Mills of Planning and Zoning, and the house remains. Mr. Flickner presented 3 quotes presented to the Town for demolition of the property

Kyle Nix (written)	\$4,650.00
Ronnie Rosenbarger (verbal)	\$3,500.00
C & R Construction (verbal)	\$6,000.00

Mr. Flickner stated a gas meter is still connected to the property and he contacted the gas company to disconnect the line. Habitat for Humanity attempted to purchase the property and use Ronnie Rosenbarger for demolition; however, the homeowner was not interested in selling. Mr. Rosenbarger provided the same quote amount to the Town. Hope Schneider made a motion to accept Mr. Rosenbarger's bid pending a quote in writing. Harlan Fisher seconded, and motion passed 5-0.

C & R Construction approached Kenny Blum to see if the Town would be interested in having 600 ton of asphalt laid at a discounted price. C & R secured a job for the State of Indiana, but the asphalt needs to be tested in order to simulate what C & R would be providing for the interstate job. The testing job was offered to Harrison County, Floyd County, and the Town at a rate of \$40.00 a ton which included milling of the road. Mr. Flickner consulted Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Blum and they determined Water Street was on the Community Crossing Grant list to repair in 2022. Mr. Flickner reported the asphalt was not an

inferior product, but a higher rated asphalt that needed to be tested and that is why he was able to offer the discount. Doug Castetter made a motion to accept the bid from C & R Construction to test the higher rated asphalt on Water Street. Les Rhoads seconded, and it passed 5-0.

Doug Castetter made the motion to approve invoice #7 from River Hills EDD for Rice Island project ST-15-101 in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid with local funds . Mr. Rhoads will sign the close out form for this final payment to River Hills. Hope Schneider seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Paul Hamann approved bond #32S437132 for Pam Byrne from 5/27/21 to 5/27/22 and it was seconded by Doug Castetter. Motion passed 5-0.

The Rice Island bathrooms were set up to be unisex and will remain so. Mr. Rhoads informed the Council Gary Best officially resigned from the Street Department. Mr. Blum informed Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Flickner he would notify them when he needed extra help. The Council was told that Roger Faith was hired for part-time work and they would utilize him at Rice Island and possibly other duties if needed. Mr. Rhoads said he spoke with the insurance company regarding signage for Rice Island. An entrance sign, no smoking, drug free, and rules for the park signs were suggested. Mr. Rhoads was notified that skateboarders have been skateboarding on the soft surface children's play area and damaging the property. Mr. Castetter suggested that the Town provide a skate park and Mr. Rhoads reported this possibility has been discussed many times.

Hope Schneider made a motion to approve a trash complaint letter to be sent to the property owner at 335 Ridley Street and Attorney Chris Byrd will draft a letter. Harlan Fisher seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Another property on Ridley Street received a weed complaint and Hope Schneider will be monitoring the situation.

Susan Mills is the ERC (Employee of Responsible Charge) for the Town of Corydon. Ms. Mills was authorized to send a letter to INDOT stating the Town determined they would abandon the original proposal for the Urban Trail project and close it out. Paul Hamann made the motion and Hope Schneider seconded to have Ms. Mills to send this letter. Motion carried 5-0.

Harlan Fisher requested another weed letter to be sent to 306 N. Mulberry Street, David Spalding.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon a motion made by Doug Castetter and seconded by Paul Hamann, the meeting adjourned.

DATED:

5/4/2021

SIGNED:

Doug Castetter

ATTEST:

P.M. King