

Corydon Town Council
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Av, Corydon, Indiana on the 7th day of April 2020 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. By the Executive Order from the Governor of Indiana restricting public meetings to 10 people due to the COVID-19 virus, the Corydon Town Council live streamed the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Lester Rhoads who presided and the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Hope Schneider. conducted the meeting with 8 people present and

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

Present:	Live Stream:
Lester Rhoads	Tyson Uhl
Doug Castetter	Paul Hamann
Hope Schneider	

Town Attorney Chris Byrd, Clerk- Treasurer Treggie King, and Town Manager Rand Heazlitt also attended the meeting.

Hope Schneider made a motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting and Doug Castetter seconded the motion with an approval vote of 5-0.

Tyson Uhl made the motion to approve claims and sign bills. Doug Castetter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0; however, Tyson Uhl wanted the minutes to reflect his opinion that Midwestern Engineers complete lack of accuracy cost the town \$57,400 this week. President Lester Rhoads requested that Midwestern provide separate invoices for each job and each invoice is to reflect a detail of what comprised the billing; miscellaneous on each invoice will no longer be acceptable.

Paul Hamann made the motion to approve change order #001 to Mac Construction in the amount of \$30,534.40. The change order changes the job contract price to \$2,148,534.40. Tyson Uhl wanted the record to reflect that the change was a result of Midwestern Engineers inability to identify a storm drain location due to overgrown ground cover. President Lester Rhoads reported Midwestern Engineers also overlooked a rotted beam that needed to be replaced at the old sewer plant which now will incur an additional \$17,00.00 cost the town. President Rhoads remarked that he had asked the engineer how he missed seeing the rotten beam and was advised by the engineer that he could not get a panel opened in order to get an interior view. Hope Schneider seconded the motion to accept the change order and the motion carried 5-0.

President Rhoads informed the Council of the necessity to replace a mechanism that controls the UV lights at the sewer plant; the UV lights are essential to kill bacteria in the water before the water is discharged into the creek. As part of regular maintenance, the part has been ordered and will cost \$3,730.93.

Tyson Uhl asked the status of the former walking bridge located on the south side of Rice Island. Mr. Heazlitt explained that it is not part of this project but there is a plan to obtain cost estimates on much it would cost to be repaired compared to removal costs. Mr. Heazlitt will ask Mac Construction for a

removal cost estimate since they are presently working on the Island. Mr. Uhl stated the bridge is dangerous and a liability for the Town and having it fixed would not be an option because it is on private property. He also stated he would be unable to cast a vote on the issue due to his family relationship.

Rand Hezlitt presented the Council with the bid tabulations results for the chemical feed building for the phosphorus removal project and lift station #2 improvements. He recommended Striegel Construction for the Lift Station #2 with the low bid of \$149,614.00 and Striegel again for the phosphorus project with the low bid of \$475,996.00. Tyson Uhl made the motion to award the Lift Station #2 repairs Striegel Construction \$149,614.00 and Doug Castetter seconded the motion that passed with a vote of 5-0. Hope Schneider made the motion to award the Chemical Feed Building to Striegel. Tyson Uhl seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Under old business, Rand Hezlitt updated the Council after meeting with Duke Energy about the two utility poles on Rice Island that will need to be relocated or modified. The total cost will be \$12,100.00. President Rhoads asked about the removal of two existing telephone poles on the property and the Town Manager responded that they will also be removed.

Under other business, Hope Schneider spoke to the Council about information she had received from Jill Saegesser with the Wheatly Group. She reported that block grants are available from the State of Indiana and the Town might qualify for a Small Business Grant in the amount COVID- 19 of \$250,000 that could be used to assist downtown businesses losses during the COVID- 19 crisis. Rand Hezlitt will speak with Jill Saegesser regarding the grants available to the Town the Council is interested.

Lester Rhoads provided the Council with information regarding the lighting project on Rice Island. He is getting quotes on changing some of the lighting which might save \$20K to \$25K. He will have more information by the next Council meeting. Tyson Uhl gave examples of expenses for Rice Island that he thought were extravagant; \$40k for swings, \$1400 each for picnic tables and \$1,000 each for chairs. He noted the Town could save money by using local artisans to supply these items. Lester Rhoads will have more information at the next meeting on what can be changed with purchasing these items. The Town Manager explained the commercial nature of these products that are designed for located in flood way conditions are approved by the state agencies and can help the Town lessen their liability in the park. He suggested they visit the Louisville Riverfront Park since they used the same vendors.

Under new business, Rand Hezlitt informed the Council that he has ordered 10,000 masks in the amount of \$5,600 for the employees due to the COVID- 19 virus. He asked the Council to approve the purchase since the purchase was above his authorized amount of \$5,000. He reported he has also ordered gloves and hand sanitizer. Doug Castetter made the motion to approve the purchase, Tyson Uhl seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The Town Manager informed the Council of the new COVID-19 Human Resource Policy that requires businesses to provide 80 hours paid leave to any employee that is quarantined, has someone in their household that is quarantined, an employee that is a direct care provider, or employee's doctor makes a recommendation that an employee with underlying health issues be quarantined. Mr. Hezlitt stated if an employee chooses to take the 80 hours then comes down with the COVID-19 virus after the 80 hours, he/she would have to use their PTO days, vacation days or possibly go on FMLA and would also be responsible for paying their insurance premium while they are off work. Tyson Uhl made the comment that before the council would make an employee use all their vacation days or go on FMLA each employee case would be reviewed.

The State Quarterly update virtual meeting on the Stellar projects went well. Mr. Hezlitt stated the State was happy with the progress and had no concerns at the present time. He advised the Council that the Town received a letter from CLR Construction (who is the contractor on the bridge relocation project) stating that a provision in their contract asserting that an act of God could possibly prohibit them from meeting their time/cost deadlines. He repeated to the Council that state grants that are funding the rest of our projects and might extend additional time but not additional compensation. He said we may see more notifications from other contractors due to the COVID- 19 regulation

requirements since employers are trying to conduct business while their supply chains are being affected. He told the Council he would keep them informed of any new developments or notices.

Tyson Uhl stated he is questioning the thoroughness of Midwestern Engineers and would like to look at other Engineering firms. The Town Manager suggested that the Council meet with Midwestern Engineers to discuss their concerns before consulting another engineering firm. President Rhoads said he would contact Julie Berry to set up a meeting.

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

DATED: April 21, 2020

SIGNED: VIRTUAL MTG.

ATTEST: J. M. King