

Corydon Town Council
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Ave, Corydon, Indiana on the 16th day of February 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, who presided and the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by new Council member Harlan Fisher.

Mr. Fisher was given the oath of office by Judge Claypool and filled the vacancy left by Tyson Uhl, who relocated to Tennessee.

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

Present:	Absent:
Lester Rhoads	
Hope Schneider	
Doug Castetter	
Paul Hamann	
Harlan Fisher	

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

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

Hope Schneider made the motion to approve claims and sign bills. Doug Castetter seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

There was no new business for Planning & Zoning.

Paul Hamann and Doug Castetter made the motion and provided a seconded to approve payment to CLR invoice #287 for Rice Island Park with grant funds of \$149,543.77. The Town fund match was \$32,764.88 and the motion carried unanimously.

Jill Saegesser explained the OCRA III grant for small businesses, stating that it will be more competitive this round because 118 proposals have been received. The County is placing an application; however, this round will require local matching funds. Ms. Saegesser said the Town had an option of putting in local money, which would maximize their application chances by 10 points, however, the Council decided to apply with no match since they had already been able to provide \$250K to 26 businesses. Ms. Saegesser stated she would have a resolution to present to the Council at the next meeting for this grant and suggested a public meeting for March 8th or 9th with applications due March 11th. If businesses within the town limits, a letter of request or an e-mail will need to be sent to the Town or Ms. Saegesser from the applicants explaining their need of the grant.

Ms. Saegesser presented a supplemental agreement with Taylor, Siefker, & Williams Design (TSW) to continue their services at a rate established in 2016. The agreement states the Town can have TSW do additional design work needed and pay when the work is complete at the rate established in 2016. TSW has assisted the Town with the Comprehensive Plan and the Stellar program, and the Council agreed they have provided institutional knowledge and data on the projects and would like to continue the

contract. A motion was made by Hope Schneider and seconded by Paul Hamann to extend the contract at the 2016 rate. The motion carried 5-0.

Three bids were received for the Community Crossings project on February 11th. The following contractors submitted bids:

C & R Construction	\$177,637.75
E & B Paving	\$195,500.00
LIBS Paving Co.	\$208,273.24

Hope Schneider made the motion to accept the lowest bid from C & R Construction and for Town Manager Scott Flickner to negotiate the contract with C & R Construction which must be submitted to INDOT before April 8, 2021. Paul Hamann seconded the motion which carried 5-0. INDOT will be paying \$133,228.31 of the grant (75%), and the Town will be responsible for the remaining 25% of the project which will be \$44,409.44.

Mr. Flickner reported on the electrical improvement project for the generators for the Wellfield, Glidas Booster Station, and West Booster Station. Bids were received on January 27th by Midwestern Engineers. Those bids were submitted by:

C & R Construction	\$1,093,000.00
Mitchell & Stark Const.	\$817,963.00
Striegel Design & Const.	\$684,000.00
Casey Electric	\$586,147.97

Casey Electric did not provide financial information during the bid opening. Under legal counsel from Chris Byrd and Chris Janak, all material specs were provided by Casey Electric in the bidding process, therefore, their bid could be considered. Danny Stults, a Union representative in the audience commented that Casey Electric's bid should not be considered since the paperwork guidelines had not been met and the other contractors submitted the required paperwork. Paul Hamann made the motion to accept Casey Electric's lower bid of \$586,147.97. Harlan Fisher seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Flickner invited the Council members to view the Wastewater Treatment Plants and observe the sludge pressing process to understand the recommendation being made to make an investment of purchasing a sludge press. Due to the costs of renting the equipment, removal of the sludge, overtime rates, and multiple expenses involved, this investment should be considered. Prior to the state mandate of phosphorus chemical additions, sludge removal was necessary twice a year. Currently, the process must be performed at 4 to 5 times a year with an approximate minimum cost of \$50,000.00 each time. The Town has been advised the phosphorus chemicals will increase sludge by 40%.

The replacement of the filter medias and trickling filters at the WWTP plant on Poplar Street were installed in 1994 and are deteriorating and must be addressed. The safety of the workers using the current equipment is compromised and should be addressed, Mr. Flickner stated. In 2020 a quote of \$700,000.00 was received for materials only, no labor was included. This situation is unique because only a few resources are available to make the repairs because the plant was built job specific. Other resources are being reviewed to find these materials at a cheaper price. Mr. Fisher asked if the life expectancy had been exceeded and wondered if there was a way to retrofit the operation. Scott said several avenues have been discussed, but IDEM would require this situation to be resolved.

An update on Poplar Trace subdivision regarding the sewer connections will soon be resolved, according to President Rhoads.

There being no further business to come before the Council and upon a motion to adjourn by Harlan Fisher and seconded by Doug Castetter, the meeting adjourned.

DATED: 3/2/2021

SIGNED: *Cherise Phooch*

ATTEST: *Beggie King*