

Corydon Town Council
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Ave, Corydon, Indiana on the 1st day of March 2022 at the hour of 7:00 p.m., in regular meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Hope Schneider and Harlan Fisher presided over the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

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

Les Rhoads made motion to approve minutes of the February 15th meeting and Paul Hamann seconded the motion with an approval vote of 5-0.

Paul Hamann motioned to approve claims and sign bills. Harlan Fisher seconded the motion, it carried 5-0.

The individual concerned about the property at 228 Oliver Street, did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Flickner asked the Council to give him permission to proceed with the manhole rehabilitation this year. Advanced Rehab did an exceptional job in 2021 when they and 2 other companies submitted quotes to clean & line additional manholes for 2022. Advanced Rehab won the lowest bid at \$260.00 a foot. The company did have a price increase for 2022 and the quote for 68 manholes equal to 362 vertical feet would be \$94,120.00. The motion was made by Harlan Fisher and seconded by Les Rhoads for Mr. Flickner to proceed with the manhole rehabilitation from Advanced Rehab. Motion was passed 5-0.

A new house is to be built at the end of Suellen Lane, which is the Ramsey Water district, however they cannot service this new home. At one time this site was once a large open field and Ramsey has no water lines going through this location. They did ask the Town if they were interested in supplying water to the new home as it is at the end of our water lines. Mr. Flickner agreed, providing Ramsey Water would pay their lawyer draw up the agreement. Chris Byrd, Town Attorney, verified the agreement was acceptable for Hope Schneider, Town President, and Treggie King, Clerk-Treasurer to sign. Harlan Fisher made the motion for approval of supplying water to the new homeowners and to sign the agreement. Les Rhoads seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Flickner stated to the Council the aging infrastructure and poor maintenance of the water lines are causing issues throughout the Town. Some fire hydrants are 50-70 years old and do not have valves to turn them off in case of a break in the line might need to be repaired. Some lines have been repaired "hot" which means the water will not shut off all the way. "Inserta valves" allow the water to be shut off in a water line or fire hydrant, without shutting the water off for an entire block. The cost is not cheap, approximately \$6000.00 per valve, but the need is essential. Mr. Flickner asked for quotes for

the company to do the project. Then he asked for a quote to purchase one of the machines where the Town Maintenance could be trained to do it themselves. Mr. Flickner stated there are about 20 valves that need to be replaced, which is not cheap. The machine cost is up to \$90K in cost. Mr. Flickner asked the Council to look over the numbers presented to them, and it would be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Castetter agreed it would be a return in investment.

Under old business, Mr. Flickner discussed "on-call pay" for 3 different departments. The financial team at Baker-Tilly released their findings on how long the Town could sustain paying the on-call rates. They determined the Town could do the on-call, but several years from now, there will have to be another rate study to determine if rates need to be raised or not. The on-call departments would have one person a week in the Sewer, Maintenance, and Water departments. Mr. Flickner would also like to reimburse the Maintenance and Sewer department supervisors to be reimbursed for their cell phone usage at \$30.00 a month. The on-call rate he would like is \$30.00 a day. Handbook procedures would need to be revised and payroll would need to be set up. The on-call employee would take the company truck home in case they are called out. Mr. Flickner stated Mr. Byrd would help with the legalities of the on-call terms, therefore, it cannot be voted on at this time.

Les Rhoads received calls from a few merchants asking when the rest of the 2-hour parking signs would be placed. It would be monitored, and the merchants agreed if a problem arises, they will contact the Corydon Police Department. Mr. Rhoads agreed to put more signs up as per Ordinance 2021-07.

Jennifer Bradstock attended the meeting but was not on the agenda to speak about her water leak on her property. Ms. Bradstock had 2 different leaks that were fixed but at different times. Both were on her side of the meter which is the homeowner's responsibility. The January bill was adjusted as a courtesy to Ms. Bradstock. She also is wanting the February bill to be adjusted and all the lost water to be written off. The Town's policy allows one outside leak adjustment a year when the customer is on sewer, however, Ms. Bradstock is on septic and outside the Town boundaries. Ms. Bradstock feels she was treated unjustly and stated she made many phone calls, which according to her, were left unanswered and the Town had made a mistake, or she was given false information. President Hope Schneider stated the loss of water was over 400,000 gallons and an adjustment \$2200.00 was made. Mr. Fisher asked Ms. Bradstock if she knew both leaks were on her side of the meter, therefore, the bills are her responsibility. She stated the high bills were in two different billing cycles. Mr. Flickner and Ms. Schneider both agreed to have Ms. Bradstock come to another meeting when Ms. King was present so it could be explained. Ms. Bradstock told Mr. Flickner that Ms. King was in a meeting that was to include Ms. Bradstock, however, she was not notified. Chris Byrd explained to Ms. Bradstock the Town was not required to give her an adjustment since the leaks were on her side of the meter, and they were generous with the adjustment. He also said if the Town wrote off everyone's water bill due to a leak, the Town could not function. The Town is required to account for all water losses. Mr. Byrd stated to Ms. Bradstock that is not the Town's responsibility to completely write off all of her water loss. She asked what the difference was if she had sewer, and Mr. Castetter told her the sewer is based on her water usage and it is charged for that amount. After Mr. Byrd's explanation, Ms. Bradstock said she understood, but would like to have a meeting to clear up the situation.

Janelle Amy from Main Street attended the meeting but had nothing to report.

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

DATED: *May 15, 2022*

SIGNED:

Hope Schneider

ATTEST:

I.M. King
Samuel J. Byrd