

Corydon Town Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Ave, Corydon, Indiana on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 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 and John Taylor led 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:

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

Chris Byrd, the Town Attorney and Clerk- Treasurer Treggie King were in attendance but Town Manager Scott Flickner was attending a conference and unable to attend.

Hope Schneider motioned to approve minutes from the previous meeting and Harlan Fisher seconded and the motion which carried 4-0.

Paul Hamann made a motion to approve claims and sign bills. Hope Schneider seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Paul Hamann made the motion to approve payment #2 to C & R Construction in the amount of \$121,544.50 for Lift Station 8 and 10 new construction and repairs. Les Rhoads seconded and motion passed 4-0.

The Town has received inquiries about renting the shelter house or WPA building on Rice Island; therefore, President Rhoads asked the Council for their comments. He said he was advised that insurance rates are better if it is not rented. Ms. Schneider said having income to help pay for supplies and maintenance however, the liability issues were of concern. Ms. King commented requests has also been made for Bicentennial Park and Farmer's. Angel Frizzell asked if other Towns had been contacted and their procedures considered. Susan Mills told the Council that a binder for Bicentennial Park is available if someone wanted to reserve it for a special event and no rental fee is charged. She tells people it is a public place for anyone. Jill Saegesser advised the Council they received money from the CDBG for Rice Island the Town cannot profit more than \$25,000.00 from Rice Island for a specific period, since it would also be considered program income. Resident John Eve reported seeing on Blue Dot Harrison County, that a skatepark would be built on Rice Island and he told the Council he was against any skatepark in Corydon. President Rhoads said he would call on Mr. Eve later in the meeting concerning the skatepark. President Rhoads asked the Council members to email Scott Flickner with any ideas pertaining to Rice Island rentals.

John and Shelly Taylor (FOC Chaplains) attended the meeting volunteering to help the Town with mowing properties that are not in compliance with the weed ordinance. Mr. Taylor suggested they could have youth and adult groups from various churches in the area to give a one-time clean-up or ongoing for some as needed. The Town would assist in the screening process and determine which properties or to assist. Mr. Hamann suggested asking the National Honor Society at the High School to

help. Mr. Taylor provided his phone number and stated he could be contacted to help in anyway. Currently there are 7 properties with weed complaints and 2 with junk. Harlan Fisher made the motion for Ms. King to send certified weed letters to the following properties:

90 Old Hwy 135      685 Slemmons Ave      301 Walnut Street      321 W. Chestnut Street      104  
Cook Street

Hope Schneider seconded the weed letter motion and it passed 4-0. A motion was made by Paul Hamann for Chris Byrd to send certified junk letters to 203 Hwy 337 and 217 W. Walnut Street. Harlan Fisher seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

The Rolling Stone Trucking estimate of \$3500.00 to demolish the house at 457 Ridley Street was approved and this property had been inspected in 2020 and was deemed unsafe. The property owner was provided with an opportunity to demolish the house, but having failed to do so, the Town contracted the demolition and put a lien on the property.

Flex time had been removed from the employee handbook by the Town Council last year because it had been abused; however, the Town Manager requested that it be reinstated with specific stipulations. President Rhoads told the Council he was hoping this would alleviate the overtime the employees are submitting. He requested the Council to review the proposal and it would be discussed at the next meeting. Ms. King informed the Council not to confuse flex time and turn it into comp time because comp time payout can be a significant budgetary revelation.

It was suggested that Council meeting time be changed to 7:00 pm. Harlan Fisher made that motion, and it was seconded by Les Rhoads; motion passed 4-0.

The Harrison County Community Foundation granted the Town's request for the Stellar project grant to be extended to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Les Rhoads made the motion to sign Ordinance 2021-04 to establish the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. This is money provided by the federal government called the American Rescue Plan and will be used to help local and county governments to assist with lost revenue or fund needed projects created during the pandemic. Harlan Fisher seconded and motion passed 4-0.

John Eve spoke in opposition to any skatepark proposed for the Town. His alternative was to suggest an observatory or amphitheater because skateparks do not benefit most taxpayers or the Town. Mr. Hamann stated the observatory would not work in Corydon because of the ambient light. Mr. Eve said an amphitheater would benefit the drama department at the high school, Hayswood Theater, and many other functions. President Rhoads indicated he thought a skatepark might be useful since all the skaters are in town using places that should not be used. The Council thanked Mr. Eve for his time and suggestions.

Eldon LaHue contacted President Rhoads to inform him his family would like to donate the old bell from the old Corydon Grade School to the Town. Suggestions were made to give to the Historic Preservation or the Wright Center, but the Town will give this due consideration and respond to Mr. LaHue.

Letters were personally delivered by President Rhoads to the new property owners on Water & Poplar Street since they recently purchased properties that are in bad condition with a request that the areas cleaned up. They were welcomed to the Town and told we would help assist them if help was needed.

Jill Saegesser asked the Council to make the motion for President Les Rhoads to sign the COVID Relief business grant agreements that will assist Town businesses. Hope Schneider made the motion; it was seconded by Harlan Fisher and carried 4-0. Ms. Saegesser will be sending emails to all participants that received the grant last year and inform them the grant is available; however, their information will need to be resubmitted to qualify for the grant. The application deadline is June 11<sup>th</sup> and the information will be posted on the Town's website.

Main Street's Angel Frizzell announced Farmer's Market is doing well and operating every Friday 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. She reported the meetings are being held to finalize the Wine Walk and Corydon Capitol Days.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Hamann and seconded by Harlan Fisher, the meeting adjourned.

DATED: *June 1, 2021*

SIGNED: *Zeitler Hood*

ATTEST: *P.M. King*