

Town of Corydon
Council Minutes October 18, 2022

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Ave, Corydon, Indiana on the 18th day of October 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 Paul Hamann 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:	Paul Hamann
Lester Rhoads		
Hope Schneider		
Doug Castetter		
Harlan Fisher		

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

Harlan Fisher made motion to approve minutes of the October 4, 2022, meeting and Doug Castetter seconded the motion with an approval vote of 5-0.

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

Planning & Zoning had no agenda.

Paul Hamann motioned to approve the bond renewals for the Town Council, Treggie King, Bette Purucker (Cemetery Board Secretary), and Police Officers Mark Bye and Rolla Pirtle. A 5-0 vote was carried with Doug Castetter seconding.

Medical insurance renewal rates have risen substantially. Pam Martin, Bennett & Bennett Insurance, is reviewing other plans and attempting to find a more competitive rate. Ms. King stated with the current policy, IPEP (Indiana Public Employers Plan) Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the rate increased 20%. Ms. King said several businesses were requiring any spouse of an employee, who has access to insurance through their own employer do so, in order to help reduce costs. Currently, the Town pays 80% of all medical insurance for employees; however, the Town could consider paying 100% of the employee premium and paying 50% of the spouse insurance. Another option Ms. Bennett suggested to Ms. King was a Health Savings Account (HSA). Since the Town has less than 50 employees, medical insurance premiums are higher. She suggested the Council have a "working meeting" so the members could direct their insurance questions to Ms. Martin and form their own opinion in order to determine what position they choose to take. She reminded them that the meeting would need to be open to the public.

Ms. King suggested the Council raise the water and sewer bills in small increments of 1% to 1.5% to assist with the increasing costs of supplies and salaries; it would prevent another big rate hike to customers at once. She also reminded the Council the 2023 salary ordinance will need to be reviewed and adopted before December. She asked if the Council if they preferred to keep the sliding scale range or assign one dollar amount for each position. The Council recommended keeping the sliding wage scale.

JoBeth Mathes did not attend the meeting; however, she requested to use of Rice Island on Friday, November 11th for a home school group outing. Harlan Fisher approved the request and Les Rhoads seconded, with the vote carrying 5-0. A phone number was provided so Ms. Mathes will be notified of the approval.

Ms. Schneider signed the boundary agreement for the Cardinal Subdivision on Old Highway 135 South. South Harrison Water Company will supply water to the subdivision even though the existing water lines

running next to the property, belongs to the Town. Low water pressure keeps the Town from providing service to the new subdivision.

Mr. Fisher asked if a customer's water bill, which was over \$700.00 had been adjusted. Karen Melton, Deputy Utility Clerk, reported to Ms. King and Mr. Fisher the occupants had repaired the leak themselves. They are required to show documentation of repairs in order to receive a sewer adjustment.

Paul Hamann reported that Officer Bye was concerned when he had been asked to turn in gas receipts when he is using the police car for off duty events. Officer Bye and other officers provide services at school ballgames and off the clock security work, and he felt gas receipts were unnecessary while he is paying for the fuel out of his pocket. Also, discussion was raised asking if it is appropriate to allow a reserve officer to wear their uniform while performing outside jobs. The SOG (standard operating guidelines) manual for the Police determined it is the correct protocol. Councilman Fisher inquired about the junked police car that had been in the maintenance lot to see if it had been relocated. Mr. Rhoads stated Officer Geswein was to remove various parts from the junked car before it could be sold.

President Hope Schneider stated she would be stepping down as President of the Town Council but would remain on the Council. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hamann were asked if they would like to be President, and both declined. Nominations for Les Rhoads to be President for the Town Council was motioned by Harlan Fisher and seconded by Paul Hamann. This vote was carried 4-0 with Les Rhoads abstaining. Ms. Schneider thanked the Council for her time serving as the President, but she could not commit the amount of time that position requires.

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

DATED: *Nov. 1, 2023*

SIGNED: *Les Rhoads*

ATTEST: *P.M. King*