

Corydon Town Council
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 219 North Capitol Avenue, Corydon, Indiana on the 1st day of September 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 Council President Lester Rhoads, and the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was let by Paul Hamann.

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	
Tyson Uhl	
Hope Schneider	
Doug Castetter	

Town Attorney Chris Byrd attended the meeting by phone and Clerk-Treasurer, Treggie King attended the meeting.

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

Paul Hamann made a motion to approve claims and sign bills. Tyson Uhl seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Veronica Stocksdale attended the meeting to report a significant speeding issue on Loweth Avenue and ask the Council provide police support to correct the issue.

Caron Wiley represented Phi Beta Si and told the Council their mission statement supports fundraising for Cancer. She requested use of the Farmer's Market from 7:30 am to noon on October 17, 2020 in order to host a Pancake Throwing breakfast that is hosted by a National Chain.

Doug Castetter made a motion to approve the weed complaints and Tyson Uhl seconded the motion to have weed letters sent to the homeowners.

Tyson Uhl made the motion to approve the Galloway Appraisal Agreement for the Gerdon Property and Doug Castetter seconded his motion which carried 5-0.

Façade Grants were submitted by Lori Short/Delorian Group on Chestnut Street in the amount of \$3,445.00 and by Amye Williard , 118 Walnut Street, for \$4,375.00. The grants were approved by Main Street and sent to the Corydon Council for payment approval. Doug Castetter motioned that both grants be approved, and Paul Hamann seconded that motion and it passed 5-0.

HMB submitted a payment request of invoice #24 in the amount of \$23,826.09 for work July 21 thru August 20, 2020 for the Urban Trail. Paul Hamann made a motion to approve the payment; Hope Schneider seconded the motion carried 5-0.

Doug Castetter made a motion to approve pay application #2 to CLR in the amount of \$80,067.60 from Rice Island Park for the Grant funds. Tyson Uhl seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Paul Hamann made a motion to approve pay application #5 to MAC Construction in the amount of \$214,608.97 for Rice Island Park. Hope Schneider seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 5-0.

The Indiana Landmark Professional Services Agreement was discussed by the Council. On call for questions, Adam Burkhart, President of the Historical Preservation Committee stated that he was not comfortable without the oversight of Laura Renwick, who has assisted the Town with the historic district renovations over the last three years at no charge. After her assistance, the builder goes to the BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) with a COA (certificate of appropriation) in order to get approval to move on to the Planning & Zoning Board, and then to the Council. This protocol is a state issued DNR (Department of Natural Resources) requirement. The annual fee requested was \$3,000. Doug Castetter explained the need for professional support to stay within State guidelines which allows homes in the flood plain to spend adequate amounts of money on old dilapidated buildings for renovation purposes. Attorney Chris Byrd interjected the comment that Laura Renwick provides a lot of assistance to the Town. Doug Castetter made a motion to approve the agreement. Paul Hamann seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

President Rhoads announced that the Cedar Hill Cemetery had been granted a water billing adjustment because of an outside leak.

Maintenance Supervisor, Danny Huff, attended the meeting to discuss the current rate charges for water tap fees by providing documentation of actual costs of materials and labor that shows the Town is losing money on each installation. Discussion was also held noting that there had been an error in the former ordinance that provided incorrect pricing that would need to be corrected and both determinations could be made at one time. The new proposal for the rates would be as follows per **Ordinance 2020-02 Amending the Schedule of Water Charges** upon adoption:

Tap Charge for 5/8 or 3/4 inch meter	\$1,550.00
Reconnection fee	\$ 75.00
Property Owner Deposit	\$ 75.00
Renter Deposit	\$ 150.00

Hope Schneider made a motion to approve the recommended charges and it was followed by a second from Tyson Uhl. Chris Byrd reminded the Council that the ordinance would have to be advertised in the paper.

Les Rhoads, under old business, announced that Town Manager Rand Heazlitt's contract had expired on August 21, 2020 and that it had not been renewed. He also reported that Susan Mill's full-time position would be going to a part time position. He further reported the #2 WWTP has 1 of the 3 blowers has to be replaced at a cost of \$12K and in being proactive, one of the old blowers could be refurbished at a cost of \$5K and could be used as a backup.

The next subject to be discussed dealt with was the Urban Trail Expenses. President Rhoads told the Council that the Town has spent approximately \$417K to date and he advised the Council that due to the time restrictions on the project, a decision had to be made if to move forward or stop the project, regardless of the monetary investment already committed. Mr. Rhoads reminded the Council that it could jeopardize federal money grants for the Town in the future. The contractor, HMB, has had to change the route at least 3 times on a \$2.5 million dollar project due to no fault of their own. Tyson Uhl commented that the Town should cut their losses and pull out. Rachel Henry from HMB reminded the Council that the Town had a 20% match on a project worth \$2.5 million dollars. Doug Castetter stated an additional expenditure of \$250K would be quite a gamble if deadlines could not be met. Considering \$900K would be a "jumping off plate" for him and recommended pulling out of the project. Vice President Paul Hamann said he would like to see the trail continue because he felt it would be of great benefit to the Town and provide a community asset. Doug Castetter responded that a low water bridge to the fairground would be an asset, however, he doubted the project could be accomplished in the given amount of time. Paul Hamann asked Rachel Henry when the project was completed as laid out, would the community see a trail of something visible and usable and Ms. Henry responded yes, certainly. Hope Schneider asked if the Town were 100% sure that the owner of the RV park and the Fairground committee would allow the Town to use that land and if not knowing these things, she would have to vote no. President Rhoads said that he had also changed his mind. Doug Castetter said if the project were to be put on hold, it would be dead. Rachel Henry told the Council she has worked on other projects and has seen restrictions change, she said by March or April and Kathy McKalip would know if the time constraints could be renegotiated. President

Rhoads called for a vote. Tyson Uhl made a motion to "kill the project" and Doug Castetter provided a second. The motion was approved with a 4-1 vote with Paul Hamann opposing. Rachel Henry reminded the Council that they would need to circle back and give the \$2.5 million back. Mr. Rhoads said that it had been a shock to find out that within the short time frame the new Council had been given to work with, and with \$500K of the money was not being eligible to be used as match money, this project would be terminated.

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.

Date: *September 15, 2020*

Signed: *Douglas Castetter*

Attest: *A.M. King*