

**TOWN OF FERDINAND**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 9, 2018**

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> meetings were approved on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

There were two boy scouts in attendance: Carson May with his parents Janalee and Mike and Mason Tobin, with his mother, Anita.

The Budget Adoption Hearing started at 7:30 PM. After a brief discussion, there was a motion to close the hearing by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0. Ordinance 2018-13, an ordinance or resolution for appropriations and tax rates was adopted on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-0. The adopted budget is \$3,193,371 tax levy of \$803,290 and net assessed value is \$100,584,405. The adopted tax rate is .7986. Last year's rate was .6546.

Lloyd Froman reported police calls for September and presented a report of department activity. Officer Merkley is scheduled to graduate from the Police Academy on November 9, 2018. The department will participate in active shooter training at Forest Park on October 19.

Fire Chief, John Hoppenjans reported 6 fire runs and 5 first responder runs in September. Fireman attended the Family Safety Day at the library and this Friday they will attend Fire Prevention Day at the Ferdinand Elementary and FP Jr. High School.

Chris James reported on the electric department stating the planned power outage date is tentatively set for Sunday, October 21 early morning for 3-4 hours.

Tom Lueken reported for the street department. They are patching streets as needed.

Roger Schaefer gave a department report for wastewater and water stating the hydrant testing/flushing is complete and two hydrants will need to be replaced. There was a motion by Debbie to allow Ken Sicard to sign the letter to IDEM authorizing Roger Schaefer to sign NPDES-National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (5 year) and Land Application of Biosolids (10 year) renewal permits. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

Mike Steffe, Park Board Member, gave a park update including the Rosenvolk Festival being held October 19-21.

Chris James gave an update of the Dubois County Leadership Academy. He is working on updating the information on the Town website. A motion was made by Debbie to allow James to purchase a table for the Town at the Annual Chamber Dinner for \$140 as well as a table at the Christkindlmarkt Eve Dinner for \$256. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0. The Community Foundation will be at the Veteran's Memorial site Friday at 4 PM for a check presentation.

Mike Steffe gave an update of the Old Town Lake project. They are waiting on a permit from IDEM.

Roger reported on the Sisters project. Ron stated the back-up transformer should be shipping this week. Ken is working on the Old Town Lake Dam ER & Maintenance Plan.

Debbie Johnson reported receiving two appraisals for the Dr. Thomas building located 202 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> street. The first appraisal was \$59,000; the second was for \$57,500. After discussion, Debbie requested permission to negotiate, with the assistance from the counsel, and to make an appropriate offer to purchase the building in the amount of \$55,000. Ken made a motion to approve the request. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

There was discussion regarding the sale of the fire truck. John will advertise the truck through the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association and on social media. Shaneyfelt will advertise in the Ferdinand News and James will advertise on the Town website.

Mike Steffe requested approval of the October 27<sup>th</sup> YMCA Monster Dash route. The 5K Run/Walk will begin at 9AM at the YMCA and end at the Community Center. Ron made a motion to approve the route. Motion was seconded by Deb. Motion passed 3-0.

John Wetzal of Midwest Engineers reported on the condition and maintenance history of the two water towers. The elevated tower, located on the northwest side of town, was built in 1984. The standpipe tower by the Convent was estimated to have been installed around 1966. He distributed a report including cost estimates of proposed repairs. The council will review the options presented and evaluate the potential timing/funding of necessary repairs.

Mike Brandis and Chad Hess, co-owners of Universal Packing, were present at the meeting. Currently they employ 19 employees at their facility in Dale. They are in negotiations with Jasper Group to purchase the building at 5<sup>th</sup> and Virginia will be requesting tax abatements from the Town in the future if the purchase is completed.

The Legion requested the following burn dates for their BBQ's: October 14, November 11, December 9, January 13, February 10, March 10 and April 14. A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Ron to approve the request. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Ron to accept the Kerstiens Performance Bond as presented and allow Sicard and Miller to sign. The motion was seconded by Deb. Motion passed 3-0.

There was discussion regarding the Kerstiens-Country Ridge Estates subdivision utilities agreement. The agreement includes the water and sanitary sewer service extension project and the installation and completion of the street. A motion was made by Deb to accept the agreement as presented and allow Sicard and Miller to sign. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance 2018-14 was introduced amending the Personnel Policy in relation to the deferred compensation plan. Employees must be employed full time for 6 months and work a minimum of 32 hours per week. Employees may participate immediately. The changes are backdated to be effective January 1, 2018. A motion was made by Ron to approve Ordinance 2018-14 as presented. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Deb Johnson gave an update for the insurance committee. Employees were asked to complete additional information on Formfire. They are waiting for quotes from insurance providers.

A motion was made by Deb that the council meetings be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday beginning November 20, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

The door-to-door Trick or Treat hours were set for 6-8 PM on October 31, 2018.

Shaneyfelt presented a potential three year contract extension with the Town's electric provider. After discussion, a motion was made by Ken to approve a 3 year electric extension to May 31, 2026 at a price not to exceed the contract price in effect June 1, 2020- May 31, 2023 and authorize Ken to sign the contract on behalf of the Town. Deb seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Ken stated he and Chris attended the AIM conference at French Lick. He noted that there may be future funding available from the state for water and sanitary sewer capital improvements. There would be an asset management required.

Regular claims in the amounts of \$139,822.56 and \$338,095.37 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-0.

The council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:30 PM. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 24 at 11:30 AM at the YMCA and for a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 4:30 PM. On Wednesday, October 24 the Zoning Board will meet at 6:30 PM and the Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 PM. As there was no

further business to discuss, Debbie made a motion to adjourn and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

ATTEST:

Tamara M Miller

Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

Ken Seaman  
Ron W J  
Debbie