

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

November 16, 2021

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Sharon Bohnenkemper, Town Attorney and Tamara Miller, Clerk-Treasurer. Kelsie Jacob, a high school student in attendance.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2021 Council Meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the written department head reports (attached) were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

John Hoppenjans, fire chief, requested approval to hire Ethan Gogel and Riley Denning as volunteer firefighters. Ron moved to approve the request, subject to passing the drug test. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The department will then have 34 firefighters.

Tom Lueken, property and street superintendent, stated his department will assemble the Christmas tree at the Town Hall this week and currently, the leaf pickup is a two/three-day process starting on Tuesdays.

Sicard stated the DNR has inspected both dams and we are awaiting the DNR report.

Chris James, on behalf of Roger Schaefer the water/wastewater superintendent, requested permission for Schaefer, Ernst, Kyle Lechner and Meyer to attend the Indiana Association of Waterworks training at French Lick on December 7, 2021, at a cost of \$400 plus transportation. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Weyer reported Miles Welp will be installing the signage at the Old Town Lake as his Eagle Scout project. The lake is filling slowly. Best Home Furnishings donated funds to construct a flag pole at the Old Town Lake in memory of Marvin "Baldy" Weyer. The Park Master Plan will be completed by the Park Board by the January 15, 2022 deadline. It is required every five years to be eligible for certain DNR grants.

James stated that Schaefer received a proposal figure from KWK for water tower maintenance.

Amy Kippenbrock, Dubois County Clerk, presented the Dubois County Vote Center Plan. The Tri-County YMCA will be the voting center in Ferdinand for all elections where any Dubois County registered voter can vote. Redistricting is not required based on the 2020 Census numbers.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-21, An Ordinance Dividing the Town into Districts for the Purpose of Conducting Town Elections at the meeting it was introduced. It states that there will not be redistricting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard recommended the Town of Ferdinand Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures dated May 18, 2021 continue until the December 2021, Council Meeting. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reminded the Council of the board vacancies for 2022. The Council needs to appoint someone to serve on the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission and the Park Board. The Board of Zoning Appeals vacancy is for the member outside the corporate boundaries and is a Plan Commission appointment. The Plan Commission vacancy is a County Commissioner appointment and the Economic Development Commission is recommended by the County Council.

Bohnenkemper reminded Council to submit the required nepotism forms for year-end reporting.

The Fire Protection Contract with Ferdinand Township was approved for \$41,000 on a motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Also, in motion, Sicard and Miller to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-0. The contract is to be paid in two installments: \$20,500 payable on June 30, 2022, and \$20,500 on December 30, 2022.

The Use of Municipal Public Parks Contract with the Ferdinand Township was approved for \$31,000 on a motion from Debbie and seconded by Ron. Also, in motion, Sicard and Miller to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-0. The contract will be paid in two installments: \$15,500 on June 30, 2022 and \$15,500 on December 30, 2022.

Ron Weyer reported the Town Hall sign has been delivered and he will get with Lueken to determine the placement.

The agenda item to consider areas to restrict parking / 4-way stop was tabled.

Bohnenkemper explained the company we had previously contracted to do the restriping at the Industrial Park Road south end was not able to fulfill the contract due to lack of staffing. Lueken has contacted another contractor to do the striping and will get an estimate in the spring. Sicard asked

if the striping on the Industrial by-pass intersections at 3rd Street, 9th Street and 23rd Street could be included in the restriping project. Lueken will check with the County to see if they will do temporary striping until the heat striping can be done in the spring of 2022.

Sicard stated there are delinquent utility accounts that need to be addressed. Currently, the Town is not disconnecting utilities due to non-payment. The Council agreed that a letter will be composed by Sicard, Bohnenkemper and Miller. The letter will request payment in full or the option to set up a payment plan. Action by the customer will be required to avoid disconnection in the future. The letter will be sent to accounts that are delinquent by several months and signed by Sicard.

James stated the Title VI Implementation Plan for 2022 has been updated. Ron moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-6; Resolution Approving Title VI Coordinator's Implementation Plan as explained by James. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. In 2022, a two-year plan will be completed for the years 2023-2024.

Lueken stated he will be updating his ERC (Employee designation before December 7, 2021) and he will be completing the ADA Transition Plan for the December 2021 meeting. In December, Miller will become the second employee to be ERC certified by completing the certification course online.

Debbie requested approval of the formation of the health insurance committee made up of one employee from each department and one council member, Debbie Johnson. Ron moved to approve. Ken seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Health insurance rates should be available this week for the committee to review.

Ferdinand was awarded \$457,321.02 Community Crossings Matching Grant Funds. The Town will match \$152,440.43 (25%). Debbie moved to approve one position, the President of Town Council, Ken Sicard, to sign the INDOT LPA Contracts and the CCMG Agreements. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Town must be under contract with a contractor within 4 months of November 3, 2021. Bohnenkemper requested permission to begin work with Lueken and Universal Design to start the bid letting process. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve the proposal from Universal Design for \$7,500 for the Final Design and Bidding Phase of the 2021 Second Round Street Evaluation for CCMG. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie stated the Daughters of the American Revolution conducted a very moving Veterans Day Service at the Legion. The DAR also installed a Never Forget Garden at the Wollenmann House.

Debbie moved to reschedule the December 21, 2021 Town Council Meeting to December 14, 2021. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve regular claims. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

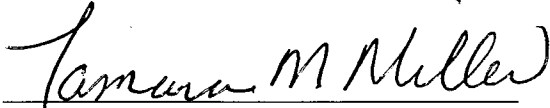
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	December 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday-Cancelled	November 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday-Cancelled	November 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	December 8, 2021 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	December 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM

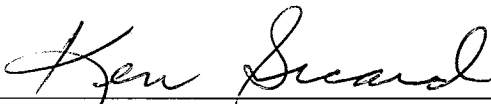
As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

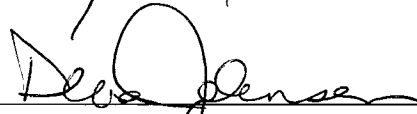
ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer









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Also for the month of October, we did firearms training with Santa Claus P.D. We also received refresher training in Domestic & Child Abuse, SIDS Death Investigation, Blood Borne Pathogens, Hazardous Materials, and when Reflective Clothing is required. Assisted with the Monster Dash 5K run. We have spoken with Christkindlmarkt officials about that event coming up this weekend. Brian and myself will obtain all required signage and traffic control items to assist with this detail. We plan on having everything set up by **November 18**. I will be on vacation the evening of the council meeting and Brian is out of town also. I have advised Chris. If you have any question let me know. Thank you.

Lloyd O. Froman
Chief Ferdinand P.D.

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Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

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Chief of Police: Lloyd Froman

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report October 2021 	
Miles Driven	248		
Total Gallons	5572		
Average MPG	437.2		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	3	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	4	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	15	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	0
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	1	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	5
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	Return Messages	40
Civil Matter /Dispute	0	State Dispatch	21
Citizen Assist	0	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	2	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	9	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	0
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	10
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	3
Domestic Problem	5	Traffic Control	22
Escort	1	Traffic Warnings	26
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	3
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	0
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	2
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	1
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	9
General Information	28	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	5
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	2
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	9
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	2
Investigation	0	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	1	Welfare Check	9
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	4
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	2		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	1		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Rob	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Rayce	Kyle	Adam	Jay					Total
Mental Subject		1													1
Missing Person Adult/Child															0
Parking Violation															0
Property Lost/Found/Recovered															0
Protective/Restraining Order															0
Prowler															0
Report To Station	1		3	1											5
Return Messages	6	5	4	7	8	5	5								40
State Dispatch		4	5	4	2	5		1							21
Scam				1											1
School Check															0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person															0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle				1	3	4	2								10
Theft				1			2								3
Traffic Control	1	7	1	6			6	1							22
Traffic Warnings	3		4	7		1	10	1							26
Traffic Citations			1			2									3
Trespassing															0
Threats/ Intimidation					1		1								2
Vandalism						1									1
Vehicle Accident			5		2	2									9
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene				5											5
Vehicle Check			1				1								2
Vehicle Lock Out		1	2	2	3		1								9
Warrant			1	1											2
Weather Related Problems															0
Welfare Check		1	2	2	2		2								9
911 False Calls				2	2										4
															0
Total Calls	20	33	41	53	34	27	36	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	248
Miles Driven	585	385	705	275	617	1258	1034	62	651						5572
Total Gallons	30	30.5	89	14.7	42.5	63	78	13.5	76						437.2
Average MPG	19.5	12.623	7.9213	18.71	14.5176	19.96825	13.25641	4.592593	8.565789	#VALUE!					12.74



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31

Ferdinand, IN 47532

2021 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	7	4		11
FEBRUARY	10	11		21
MARCH	5	7		12
APRIL	5	12		17
MAY	9	14		23
JUNE	7	10		17
JULY	8	18		26
AUGUST	7	12		19
SEPTEMBER	4	4		8
OCTOBER	3	11		14
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

Needing the approval of hiring, upon drug screening, two applicants we had. Ethan Gogel and Riley Denning. They would be officially on January 1st.

We also did our annual drivers training, and conducted our road trash clean up along State Road 264.

406 went to Ruxers and received some computer updates, which cause the error codes on the truck. Also with the damage done to the compartment door estimated delivery was 6 weeks from time of order which was October 25th.

Station 2 at the time I'm writing this, Tom said is waiting on insurance to go through their process. He expected to hear something this week.

Electric Department Report

November 16, 2021

- 1 unplanned outage
 - Balloons caught in line behind hardware store approx. 30 min one customer

- Starting on main street lighting between 18th and 23rd streets
- Pole changeouts
- Over half way complete with line relocation for Hidden Meadows subdivision



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Departmental Reports:

We started our annual curb side leaf pickup **Tuesday**. This will continue until further notice.

We replaced a curb inlet and pipe on the south west corner and west side of the Town Attorney's/ EMS building curb and sidewalk to meet our ADA commitment. The Community Crossings paving project is complete.

Trying to keep up with hauling off limbs and yard and garden waste at the 23rd street drop off.

Did some asphalt patching before it gets too cold to do pavement repairs.

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NEW BUSINESS

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Water Department;

Water Main was tested and we are now switching customers to new water main.

Repair water leak at West 13th and Missouri Street

Flushing Hydrants

DNR here to inspect both Lake Dams, waiting on their report to come in

Repaired SCADA at Stand Pipe

Wastewater Department;

Pulled Non Potable pump for winter. Will be cleaning and painting pump

Sent in Lift Station pump for repairs 2A

Winterizing Wastewater plant

Roger Schaefer
Water/Wastewater Superintendent



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2021 MEETING

1 – The Dubois County Leadership Academy concluded a successful 2021 campaign with two excellent projects. Team Jeep Assistance raised monies to purchase food cambros and a food carrier for NE Dubois Intermediate School, which saw its cafeteria severely damaged during a flash flooding event. Team SWICACC took on as its Capstone Project supplying the new SWICACC offices break room with many of the materials and items needed for the children they serve. Many of these items will be shared with other groups that will also be using this facility. The entire DCLA Board of Directors are very proud of the work these groups have done. They have again raised the bar for future classes to attain. Planning for the 2022 Leadership Academy will begin early next year, as we look to transition back to our traditional April through August schedule.

2 – Last month, the Town's two emergency sirens were inspected by Federal Field Services. Both units were found to be in working order. The siren by the Community Center will need to have new batteries installed in 2022. Due to soft ground conditions, the head of the siren was not able to be checked. It was also noted the siren pole on 1st and Michigan is leaning. I will have the Electric Department check the pole and determine if a new one needs to be installed or if the existing pole can be straightened.

3 – On a related note, a further review of the monthly siren testing process will take place. Earlier this summer, a select group met to discuss options to insure a better, smoother testing process with fewer or no siren failures. Testing was shifted from 6pm to 6:05pm to see if this would provide better service. Unfortunately, some units were still experiencing difficulties so the group will be meeting to take a look at what did or didn't work and how to further improve the testing process. Monthly tests will continue to occur at 6:05pm until further notice.

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4 – The Town Christmas tree will be installed and lit this weekend, in time for the 24th Christkindlmarkt celebration. Due to COVID concerns, we will not have Santa Claus on hand again this year for the lighting, which will occur in a low-key fashion. Due to some issues out of our control, future tree lightings will take place on a new night. I have had conversations with council and Christkindlmarkt officials on a proposed new lighting date and hope to have more specific details at the December council meeting. Many thanks to our Electric Department for hanging the Main Street decorations and the Street Department with the set up of the Town tree here at Town Hall. This will add a tremendous visual for residents and visitors alike as they enter town from the north during the holidays.

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PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

November 2021

General Park Report

- The park board met on November 10, 2021.
- Lisa Gehlhausen Executive Director of the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission came to the meeting to provide some updates.
- She provided results from the Dubois County Park Plan Survey which was offered this summer. The survey allowed residents to provide feedback on frequency and activities of park visits. The board will share with the council.
- Lisa Gehlhausen will also be assisting with implementing the County's Master Plan which is updated every 5 years. The plan is due to be updated for 2022 – 2026. The draft plan is due to IDNR by January 15, 2022 with final IDNR approval in the spring. This Master Plan—paid for by the county—allows for boards to be eligible for certain state grants. During the December meeting, the park will decide what to include on the Master Plan for the next 5 years.
- As noted last month, the board is marking a number of trees that pose safety hazards and/or were affected by the emerald ash bore for removal. The board will be moving forward and responsibly remove several troublesome trees this winter once the foliage has fallen. Additionally, several spots of invasive species plants were identified and the park will investigate how to address.
- All (4) four softball and baseball fields at Fifth Street Park had significant work done during the past month. That work is nearly complete. We appreciate both boys' baseball and girls' softball leagues' boards assistance in financially contributing to the work so that we can accomplish this project yet this year.

Old Town Lake

- We are awaiting the water levels to raise to finish construction of the floating kayak dock. The parts have arrived.
- The entrance signage project—being constructed by Eagle Scout candidate Miles Welp—is expected to start this fall. The sign and the composite posts have been delivered.

Matthew Weyer
November 14, 2021