

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

November 17, 2020

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, in the Ferdinand Community Center. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller; and Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2020 and October 23, 2020 meetings. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Police Chief Froman stated Ted Bieker retired on November 2, 2020 after nearly 32 years of service to the Ferdinand Police Department. He had also served as an EMT for 20 years. The Council expressed their gratitude for Bieker's dedication to the Town, hard work and faithful service.

Froman requested the hiring of Joshua Clouse, currently a reserve officer, as a full-time Patrolman at a rate of \$16.50 per hour plus \$1.00 for night shift and an additional \$2.00 per hour upon completion of the academy. His first day would be December 4, 2020. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-17, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2019-30, regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Sicard welcomed Joshua, his wife and his son to the Town family.

The Police Department and the Town thanked Superb Tooling for the grant of \$3,000, made available through the Dubois County Community Foundation, to be used for the purchase of body cameras.

Fire Chief John Hoppenjans requested the hiring of two new fireman, Max Witte and Chase Schwenk, beginning January 1, 2021. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Electric Superintendent, Steve Becher, stated a squirrel caused the failure of a recloser and a transformer resulting in a power outage earlier this month. The power was shifted to the backup

substation enabling power to be restored.

Sicard stated the Town will remain independent of the Dubois County Regional Sewer District. Given the available capacity, the Town may be able to extend service to certain areas. The Town will review the Ordinances currently in place that define guidelines for future sewer expansion.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, stated Natalie Howard wants to remain on the Park Board.

Sicard stated the Town will continue to follow the State's Emergency Order and the Dubois County Health Department's guidelines. Ken recommended the extension of the current Emergency Order until the next Council meeting, adding that supervisors will not be required to attend the monthly Council meetings in person beginning in December. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. There will be no new rentals booked for the Senior Citizen Center until further notice.

Debbie stated that she, James and Miller will be meeting with Tony Cochran to review the underwritten health insurance rates. The committee will then meet to review the options.

Lueken stated we are waiting to hear back from the State regarding the Community Crossing Grants.

Miller reported the Town received \$72,446 from the Cares Act-Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Sicard stated the State Board of Accounts conducted a routine audit of 2018 and 2019. The report will be finalized prior to year-end.

Sicard stated the employee handbook is being reviewed by the department heads and comments are being addressed.

At 8:00 PM, bids were opened for the 2000 Altec TA40 Electric Truck. There were seven bids: West Trucking \$6,250; Rodney Weyer \$2,020; Commercial Truck Sales Inc. \$10,300; Dean Gogel \$2,526; Craig Verkamp \$10,002; Adam Burke \$5,110 and Helming Bros. Inc. \$3,000. Ron moved to accept the highest bid of \$10,300 from Commercial Truck Sales Inc. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 8:15 PM, Bohnenkemper stated the petitioner requested the Tax Abatement hearing be postponed. Ron moved to postpone the hearing to December 15, 2020, at 8:15 PM. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The following announcements were read:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	December 15, 2020 at 7:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	December 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	December 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	December 9, 2020 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	December 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM

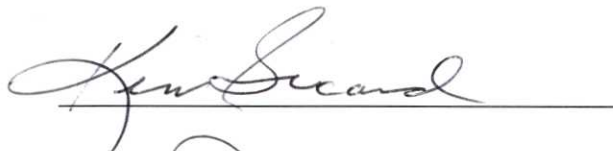
Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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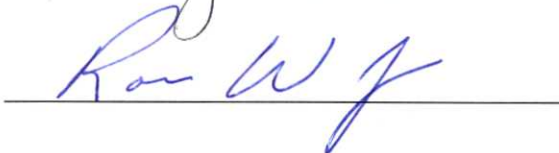
FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer







Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

Phone: 812-367-1806 / Fax: 812-998-2094

Chief of Police: Lloyd Froman

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick



Calls For Service Report October 2020

Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Total Calls For Service	251		
Miles Driven	4951		
Total Gallons	450.5		
Average MPG	10.99001		
Alarm	14	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	8	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	16	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	0
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	3
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	Return Messages	44
Civil Matter /Dispute	1	State Dispatch	20
Citizen Assist	4	Scam	3
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	5	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	2
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	11
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	2
Domestic Problem	2	Traffic Control	14
Escort	2	Traffic Warnings	18
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	5
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	0
Fight	2	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	2
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	12
General Information	33	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	3	Vehicle Check	2
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	13
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	2
Illegal Dumping	1	911 false calls	0
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	3		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	0		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Ted	Rob	Eric	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Kyle	Seth	Scott	Jay	Adam	Total
Mental Subject														0
Missing Person Adult/Child														0
Parking Violation														0
Property Lost/Found/Recovered														0
Protective/Restraining Order														0
Prowler														0
Report To Station		2	1											3
Return Messages	10	15	8		6	4	1							44
State Dispatch	3	3	6	3		2	3							20
Scam			1		1			1						3
School Check														0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person					1		1							2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle			1	3		5	2							11
Theft					2									2
Traffic Control	2	5	6						1					14
Traffic Warnings	2	1	1	3	1	8	2							18
Traffic Citations			2			3								5
Trespassing														0
Threats/ Intimidation														0
Vandalism			1			1								2
Vehicle Accident		2		4	3	2	1							12
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene														0
Vehicle Check					2									2
Vehicle Lock Out	1	2	1	1	2		6							13
Warrant														0
Weather Related Problems														0
Welfare Check			1			1								2
911 False Calls														0
														0
Total Calls	31	50	42	27	27	40	28	4	1	0	0	0	0	251
Miles Driven	288	495	730	595	660	1153	744	286						4951
Total Gallons	32.5	34	72.5	73.2	38.2	104.5	60.4	35.2						450.5
Average MPG	8.86154	14.559	10.069	8.128	17.2775	11.03349	12.31788	8.125	#VALUE!	#VALUE!				10.99



DUBOIS COUNTY
Community Foundation

October 22, 2020

Town of Ferdinand
P.O. Box 7
Ferdinand, IN 47532

Dear Chief Froman,

We are pleased to enclose a grant check of \$3,000.00 to support the purchase of body cameras for the Ferdinand Police Department.

In your communications or the media, the preferred recognition is "a grant from the *Superb Tooling Inc. Endowment of the Dubois County Community Foundation*".

If you would like to thank the representative of the endowment from which the grant was made, you may send the acknowledgement to:

Superb Tooling Inc.
Ron and Diana Buechler
P.O. Box 227
Ferdinand, IN 47532-0227

Since this grant is from a donor advised fund, goods or services cannot be provided to any donor, advisor and/or related party of the fund. Fulfilling pledge(s), receiving grant funds, loans, compensation or payment of any type are prohibited.

Please share any photos, printed materials, and/or success stories because of this grant. Increased public awareness of how our grant dollars are supporting nonprofits in the community will ensure continued support of the Community Foundation, increasing our granting capacity.

We may request a brief grant report from your organization in order to comply with guidelines of nonprofit expenditure responsibility.

Thank you for your dedication to improving lives in Dubois County. You are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Nona Baker
Associate Director
nona@dccommunityfoundation.org

Please note: The donors to the endowment providing this grant received a federal tax deduction at the time of the gift to the Community Foundation. Please do not issue a tax receipt to the donor for this grant.

10-23-20

To : Chief Lloyd Froman and other Parties considered relevant.

It is with great consideration that I am turning in my notification of retirement from the Ferdinand Police Department. I would like to thank the citizens of Ferdinand for being given the honor of my association with them. It has truly been a learning experience that would be difficult to duplicate anywhere. I will forever more be grateful for the positive contacts and friendships that I have made here. After almost 32 years of service, to the Ferdinand community as a Police officer, and my 20 years here working for the E.M.S. I am ready to move forward into my next adventure. I believe that I have served our community well.

I am advising that my last day of the pay period will be on Thursday November 5, 2020.

With all due respect.


Theo. W. Bieker Jr.



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

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

Ferdinand, IN 47532

2020 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	3	13		16
FEBRUARY	2	6		8
MARCH	2	6		8
APRIL	4	5		9
MAY	3	7		10
JUNE	7	8		15
JULY	8	8		16
AUGUST	10	12		22
SEPTEMBER	12	9		21
OCTOBER	10	9		19
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

After the 3 runs earlier in the month to Comfort Inn after the Fire Marshall visit we have had no runs up to the hotel. Again, I want to thank you for your help with this issue.

We had our annual pump testing and we had an issue on Ladder 405 and 404. They are going to be fixed by Gerrys.

I would like the approval from the council to hire two new firefighters, pending drug screen, with start date of January 1, 2021. Max Witte and Chase Schwenk. The reason I'm asking earlier is because we need to get them their state ID numbers and signed up for up coming EMR class before end of the year.



Steve Becher/ Electric Superintendent

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Electric department report Nov. 17 meeting

No outages to report

Underground junction box got hit by car and will need to be replaced

Replaced poles on 9th to get ready for next section of 4 kv conversion

Finished up yard work for main st lighting

Primary conduit bored in for old nursing home project and office island

Christmas lights start this week



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Town Council Meeting

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Departmental Report

Trying to keep up with curb side leaf pick-up.

Did some curb inlet cleaning and when we do catch up with curb side pick-up, we will do a town wide inlet maintenance.

When time allows, we haul off yard waste and tree limbs.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Town Hall Exterior Renovations

The work had started last week, **Wednesday** they are planning to start painting the building.

CCMG 2020 Second Round Application

We are in a waiting period for any announcements for projects.

Visit us for a day. Join us for a lifetime.

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Water:

Getting ready for Randy Begle Daughter New Home, will be installing utilities within next few weeks.

Also will be installing water and sewer at new Duplex on East 5th Street. Waiting on supplies to arrive

Patoka Water will be replacing their 14" Water Main along East 14th Street, working with Tom as to the road cut and replacement requirements

Replacing water meter check valves

Did hydrant flushing test

Received back Certification on our Water Audit Validation

Sewer:

Replace lift station 2A pump

On line Training for 3 days

Talking to PIC about manhole at their storage units. They wanted to have manhole lowered and the problem was they lowered grade years before and damaged the force main. Its only 12 to 18" deep at this time so I told them don't lower the grade at our easements.

Working with Tru Vine Churchwater and sewer and fire sprinklers lines.

Meeting with Dubois County about sewer areas. Engineering firm of Clark Dietz heading the project.



PARKS TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

November Report

General Park Report

- The park board met on November 11, 2020.
- Per the Dubois County Health Department, any event or league is required to submit a COVID response plan for the upcoming events. Mike Steffe has been working with those partners to help them submit a plan. Additionally, any shelter house reservations needs to comply with the state's restrictions as well.
- The park department has been working on several items including diagnosing a potential water leak near the MBCI Football field. There is some additional work necessary in diagnosing the cause. Tom may have more information.
- A number of the deteriorating gum trees will be taken down along 20th street this fall. Replacement trees were planted earlier this spring.
- The football and soccer fields were fertilized and the boy's major baseball field is getting a little field work updating this fall.

Park Cleaning & Sanitation

- The parks are following the State's Back on Track standards and directives.
- Cleaning Concepts has been cleaning the shelters and restrooms on a daily basis. As we begin to winterize the park in the coming months, cleaning service and sanitization can be minimized to only those facilities that remain open. The two restrooms at 18th Street park and the one at 5th street park will remain open. Additionally, we will keep the portlets out at the Old Town Lake for the time being.

Old Town Lake

- Remaining work at the park includes installing bird netting in the pump house as well as painting the bollards. Parts are now in for the netting and will be installed soon.
- The board elected to proceed with construction with the fishing pier and kayak launch due to monetary donations received for those two features. Construction will begin this winter and will require the lake water level to be reduced temporarily. We will notify the public before this is done. We anticipate that the park can remain open during this construction.

Matthew Weyer
November 16, 2020



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2020 MEETING

1 – The 2020 Dubois County Leadership Academy came to a successful conclusion Thursday November 12, with our graduation ceremony/Capstone Project presentations at the Ferdinand Community Center. The two teams showed off what they have been working on for the past few months. Team Teacher Pack is in the process of obtaining many of the materials and items teachers normally buy themselves for classroom usage. They are continuing to receive donations at various locations, including the Ferdinand Branch Library until November 30. Our second group is Team SWIACC (Southwestern Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition). Due to COVID-19, SWIACC's annual fundraiser was cancelled. They are looking to raise funds/gather donations to help the organization continue its good works in assisting children experiencing difficult times. We were blessed again this year with 9 excellent participants and two tremendous projects, even more timely in light of the COVID-19 crisis. Many thanks to our participating sponsors this year: SVB&T, Old National, Kimball International, Town of Ferdinand, Cities of Huntingburg and Jasper, for nominating candidates to

2 – Work will soon begin on planning for the 2021 Ferdinand Folk Festival. We are getting close to the time period when artist schedules for the coming year are released, which allows our music committee the best chance to determine availability of preferred artists. It is our intention to hold a traditional Folk Festival event on September 18, 2021, but will obviously be monitoring health conditions and make necessary adjustments as needed.

3 – Ken, Roger and I are set to attend a Regional Sewer District meeting on Tuesday morning, November 17, at the Courthouse Annex. This session is a follow-up/re-group following a series of individual meetings earlier this year. More information will (hopefully) be provided at the council meeting.

Visit us for a day. Join us for a lifetime.

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