

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

March 7, 2017

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Debbie Johnson and Ron Weyer Council members, Clerk Treasurer, Beverly Schulthise, and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the February 14th & 22nd meetings were approved after one correction in February 22nd minutes which should read special meeting not regular meeting. Motion was made by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Lloyd Froman, Chief, gave his February report. Two Girl Scout Troops visited the Police Station. The new cars are being striped. The 40 hours Pre-Basic training will start March 13th at police station. Lloyd introduced two of the three candidates for reserve officer. They are Autumn Gogel and Trevor Vaal. The third candidate, Reed Duncan, could not be present because on military duty. Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to accept probationary reserve officers and once they pass the pre-basic course, department requirements, and drug test, they will be considered reserve officer for the Town of Ferdinand. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Lloyd recommended Council accept Steffen Scott Zink as new police officer for the Town of Ferdinand to replace Sergeant Nathan Lueken. Motion was made by Debbie and seconded by Ron to accept Steffen Zink as Ferdinand's new probationary police officer with the requirement that he complete Police Academy training in one year from date of hire. He will also have to view video of Internal Controls Standards. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. His start date will be April 5, 2017 and starting rate of \$14.25 an hour. Lloyd said that Ferdinand officers attended a seminar put on by Dubois REC about electric hazards. He felt it was beneficially to the officers.

Dan Lindauer, Fire Chief, was not present but Chris James reported 7 runs for February which five were fires and two first responder runs.

Henry Haake reported that he extended line on 20th street and installed fire hydrant. There was a power outage for approximately two hours due to 4160 sub recloser failed. Dean needs to take 10 hour OSHA course which is at Huntingburg March 29 & 30th. Lochmueller Group will have bid specs ready for advertising by April Council meeting for Virginia Street and 16th street water main replacement project, and will receive bids until May 9th at 8:00 PM. Henry would like to attend the IMEA conference May 17, 18, 19th at Bloomington, IN. The registration is \$150.00 plus he will need a room for two nights and transportation. Debbie made a motion to approve and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Tom Lueken was at Road School and Chris James gave his report. Street Department is compacting stone on road edges. The drainage project #7 of Community Crossings is being worked on. Besides drainage tile, curb and gutter work will be done also. Street Dept. is also working on Virginia street between 8th and 16th street which is Project #9 and continuing to work on Project #15 by 5th street park.

Roger Schaefer reported his department is TVing the Sisters of St. Benedict sewer lines. Ryan is going also to 10 hour OSHA course at Huntingburg. He turned in the sludge date for the year 2016. He hauled 758,800 gallons sludge and cost per gallon is 0.036.

Chris James said the Leadership Academy is accepting applications. The first class will be April 7th at library. The first fundraiser for Folk Festival is scheduled for March 31st at the backroom of Legion. The Southern Sirens will perform. The IMMA Conference April 26-28 will be at Swan Lake in Plymouth IN. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to cover conference costs including meals, lodging and transportation. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Also Ryan, Rick and Eric will be attending OSHA 10 hour course at Huntingburg on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

The hearing at 8:00 PM for the increase of Cumulative Capital Development Fund to \$.05 per assessed value was held with no one present to remonstrate. Ordinance 2017-4, an ordinance re-establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana code 36-9-15.5 was approved on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Beth McManaway from German American Bank was present to mention their Clean Sweep Day is May 6th and each team will make \$300 picking up trash in Ferdinand. There will be 10 teams. Motion was made by Ron and seconded by Debbie to allow the police to assist, trash to be put in Town's trash truck and Chris to assist. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Ed Cole from Dubois Strong talked about the emphasis being made on social media/facebook/website tool to attract workers from Illinois, Kentucky and parts of Indiana with high unemployment. Hopefully it will get more people to move here or work here in Dubois County. He sent a wage and benefit survey to 130 employers and gathering the data. House Bill 128 which addresses Regional Development Authority and could help the Mid-States Corridor Project, passed the Senate. It offers an opportunity for a public private partnership that would help fund an extension of US 231 from Dale connecting with I-69 at Haysville. Seven hundred million dollars is the estimate for development of this road and 80% of funding comes from federal government and remainder from private sources and local government. Ed is getting the Mobel project shovel ready in Ferdinand.

Quality Construction has necessary papers in hand to sign to start the Missouri water project but we have not received them back. Phosphorus contractor is starting project. Equipment for moving sludge is needed, and we need to advertise for bids on the equipment. The cost of trucks at equipment expo Roger attended with 3600 gallon capacity was around \$10,000 plus. Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded for Roger and Bill to work together on writing specs for delivery truck. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

IDEM permit for sewer line to Begle property is being worked on. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded for Roger to go ahead and order manholes. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The water department is also waiting for IDEM permit. Also Bill is waiting for description of fire truck to begin writing specs for bidding. April 11 and 12th is Spring Clean-up.

Ordinance, 2017-6 an ordinance amending ordinance no. 16-27 regarding salaries, compensation and wages for elected officials, appointees and employees of the Town of Ferdinand, Indiana was approved at meeting introduced on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Sister Barbara Lynn submitted a CF-1 to be in compliance with the tax abatement for Benet Hall LP. Motion made by Debbie and seconded by Ron to approve and have Ken and Bev to sign. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

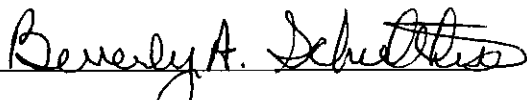
Claims in the amount of \$264,491.09 and \$143,983.72 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Ken made a motion and Debbie seconded to change the next regular Council meeting to April 18th. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron made a motion to adjourn and Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-Yes 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next regular meeting is April 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will meet on April 11th at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 4:30 PM. Zoning Board will meet Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM and Plan Commission meeting will be at 7:00 PM. Special meeting will be Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL


Clerk-Treasurer

