

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 2021

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in the Ferdinand Community Center. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard explained modifications to the Town of Ferdinand Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures. Town Hall/Town Meetings – attendees who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear masks; masks are recommended for those not fully vaccinated. Meetings will still have sign in sheets for contact tracing purposes, but no temperature checks. Employees returning from out of state: fully vaccinated employees are no longer are required to covid test before returning to work; non-vaccinated employees are to covid test negative prior to returning to work. When dealing with the public, fully vaccinated employees are no longer required to wear a mask (unless requested); non-vaccinated employees are to wear a mask when dealing with the public. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Todd Fischer, electric superintendent, requested permission to purchase a new transformer at a cost not to exceed \$17,000. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Roger Schaefer requested permission for Ernst, Meyer and Kyle Lechner to attend the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Spring training at French Lick on May 19-20, 2021 including seminar, meals and transportation. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Schaefer requested permission to seek quotes to replace the 1990 GMC truck for the water/wastewater department. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard will get input from the businesses located on both sides of 9th street regarding traffic turning onto 9th Street from Main Street. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

Ferdinand was awarded \$281,232.43 Community Crossings Matching Grant Funds. The Town will match \$93,744.19 (25%). Ron moved to approve Resolution 2021-03 which authorized the President of Town Council to sign the Town of Ferdinand said agreement. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to approve Sicard signing the Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement with INDOT. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper requested permission to advertise for bids for Community Crossing Road Projects with sealed bids opening set for June 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance 2021-09 was introduced. An Ordinance Amending Salary Ordinance 2020-21 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand adding Sewer / Water Utility Employee: Clint Meyer, at \$19.00 per hour, first 1,000 hours, 40 hours per week, plus 2 hours minimum at time and half for emergency calls, plus 2 hour minimum at straight time for weekend lab testing. Next 1,000 hours, \$20.38; Next 1,000 hours, \$21.75; Next 1,000 hours, \$23.12; \$24.50/hour upon passing IDEM Operator Exam and adding Sewer / Water Utility Employee: Kyle Lechner, at \$18.50 per hour, first 1,000 hours, 40 hours per week, plus 2 hours minimum at time and half for emergency calls, plus 2 hour minimum at straight time for weekend lab testing. Next 1,000 hours, \$19.88; Next 1,000 hours, \$21.25; Next 1,000 hours, \$22.62; \$24.00/hour upon passing IDEM Operator Exam. The amendment is effective as of May 10, 2021. Ron moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to accept the performance bond from Kersteins Development Inc. on the Hidden Meadows Subdivision and the \$781,750 Irrevocable Letter of Credit from Freedom Bank provided as security and allow Miller and Sicard to sign the approval of the performance bond. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper advised that the department heads have indicated to her that the Trilogy performance bond can now be released. Ron moved to release of the Trilogy Performance Bond and release the \$130,236.06 Cashier's Check as the requirements of the bond have been met. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 7:00 PM, the Water Utility Rate Hearing was held. Sicard opened the meeting for discussion. The only concerns raised were of the wholesale customer rate and the increase by Rollie

Terwiske, representing St. Henry Water Corp., a wholesale customer. The Council, Schaefer and Miller responded to his concerns. It was determined a meeting will be set with St. Henry Water to revisit the wholesale minimum and rate. Ben Brinkman, a Ferdinand resident, inquired when the rate increase was advertised and the need for the increase. Bohnenkemper stated the publish dates of the required advertisements. The rate increase takes into account the Patoka Water rate increase, capital expenditures and projected operating expense increases. Ron moved to close the hearing. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-08, An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Use of and Services Rendered by the Municipal Water Utility of the Town of Ferdinand, redacting Section 10.02.080 Wholesale for Resale. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The increase will be effective the first full billing cycle after adoption.

Sicard moved to approve Bohnenkemper’s request to participate in a virtual municipal law seminar on June 24 & 25, 2021 at a cost of \$150. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James gave an update on the timber conservation project. He has been in contact Doug Brown with Multi-Resource Management, which has approximately a nine month wait time.

James requested approval of the Heimatfest 5K route, the same as previous years, to be held on June 19, 2021. Ron moved to approve the route. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James requested the hiring of Part-Time/Park & Rec Employees, Denai Sicard at \$9.50 per hour starting May 21, 2021 and Grace Schuetter at \$9.50 per hour starting June 1, 2021. Debbie moved to approve the request, contingent upon passing the drug test. Ron seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Sicard recused himself from the vote.

Lueken stated there has been an issue with dog waste clean-up at parks. Bohnenkemper stated there is no state law concerning such matters and will send an ordinance violation to the owner and if there is no current municipal ordinance, will in such event draft a proposed ordinance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	June 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Town Council Budget Meeting	Thursday	July 22, 2021 at 6:00 AM
Town Council Budget Hearing	Tuesday	August 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Town Council Budget Adoption	Tuesday	September 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	May 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	June 9, 2021 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	June 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

Tamara M Miller

Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Secant

Ron Wy

Debbie



Town of Ferdinand
2065 Main Street
FERDINAND, IN 47532-0007
Phone 812-367-2280
Fax 812-367-1303
E-mail: twofferferdinand@psci.net
www.ferdinandindiana.org

April Police Department Report: We assisted with the Town Wide Yard Sale, Taser Re-certification Training, Joint Firearms Training with Spencer and Dubois County Sheriff's Departments, and Tactical Night Firearms Training with Huntingburg PD and Dubois County Sheriff's Department. Assistant Chief Seffernick is attending tonight's monthly meeting, as I will be at the Law Enforcement Academy assisting with Firearms Training. I will get to assist Josh with firearms. Thanks.

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

KENNETH SICARD, President
TAMARA M. MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

DEBBIE JOHNSON, Member
SHARON BOHNENKEMPER, Attorney

RONALD WEYER, Member
CHRIS JAMES, Town Manager

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

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report April 2021 	
Miles Driven	4514		
Total Gallons	362		
Average MPG	12.46961		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	9	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	2	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	20	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	8
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	24
Civil Matter /Dispute	2	State Dispatch	20
Citizen Assist	0	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	11	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	1
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	5
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	5	Traffic Control	17
Escort	2	Traffic Warnings	42
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	7
Extra Patrol	1	Trespassing	1
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	1
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	3
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	8
General Information	27	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	5
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	6
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	1
Investigation	3	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	3
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	1
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	1		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	0		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Rob	Eric	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Kyle	Scott	Jay	Adam	Total
Mental Subject												0
Missing Person Adult/Child			1									1
Parking Violation												0
Property Lost/Found/Recovered												0
Protective/Restraining Order												0
Prowler												0
Report To Station		2		5	1							8
Return Messages	10	8			4	2						24
State Dispatch	1	6	2	3	6	1			1			20
Scam					1							1
School Check												0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person						1						1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	1		1	2	1							5
Theft					1							1
Traffic Control	2	4	1	10								17
Traffic Warnings	2	3	4	2	23	4			4			42
Traffic Citations	1		3	1	2							7
Trespassing				1								1
Threats/ Intimidation		1										1
Vandalism	1		1	1								3
Vehicle Accident		1		2	2	2			1			8
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene												0
Vehicle Check	1	1		1	2							5
Vehicle Lock Out		1	1		2	1			1			6
Warrant				1								1
Weather Related Problems												0
Welfare Check			1			2						3
911 False Calls	1											1
												0
Total Calls	36	42	21	40	69	25	0	1	8	0	0	242
Miles Driven	484	570	495	860	1146	716		81	162			4514
Total Gallons	43	46	61	56	100	56						362
Average MPG	11.2558	12.391	8.1148	15.36	11.46	12.78571		#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	12.47



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				
JUNE				
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

We did a tour of the old Scenic Hills Nursing Home, which is being transitioned into apartments.

Electric Department Report

May 18, 2021

- 2 unplanned outages
 - 1st street area animal caused approx. 30 min
 - 5th street area lightning arrestor caused approx. 1 hr
- Continuing with 4kv conversion in 9th and Missouri areas
- Upgraded transformer at MB service for increased capacity
- Upgraded transformer at saw mill for safety issue
- Steve and Dean will need to go to a training seminar at Huntingburg in June for CEU's for their water operator license requirements.
- Conduit and cable are in for the street lights at industrial bypass and 162, poles will be a few weeks lead time.
- 2 of 3 back up transformers are in.



Town of Ferdinand
2065 Main Street
FERDINAND, IN 47532-0007
Phone 812-367-2280
Fax 812-367-1303
E-mail: twnofferdinand@psci.net
www.ferdinandindiana.org

Town Council Meeting

May 18, 2021

Departmental

Started to do dig outs now that hot mix is available.

Completed the Town large item clean up.

Working on weed control around Town properties and along roads.

Had the roof repaired on the senior center.

Added a stop sign at the Old Town Lake entrance also repaired or replaced others signs in Town.

With the spring weather we are trying to keep up with the yard waste and limb removal.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

KENNETH SICARD, President
TAMARA M. MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

DEBBIE JOHNSON, Member
SHARON BOHNENKEMPER, Attorney

RONALD WEYER, Member
CHRIS JAMES, Town Manager



Town of Ferdinand
2065 Main Street
P.O. Box 7
FERDINAND, IN 47532-0007
Phone 812-367-2283
E-mail: sewerl@psci.net

May 18, 2021

Town Council Meeting

Water Department;

2 new employees started, Their names are Clint Meyer from Huntingburg and Kyle Lechner from Ferdinand. Clint will be studying for the Wastewater license and in July Kyle will be studying for his water license.

We will start replacing the water main by Town Office in 2 weeks. Waiting on some materials that we need to start the project.

We cleaned out ditch behind Holiday Foods due to the water main replacement project

Removed debris from the Old Lake spillway valve. The pipe valve was plugged up not letting the lake to drain.

Wastewater Department;

Having sludge tested for the landfill permitting. Our old permit expired.

Repairing various equipment around the WWTP.

Hauling Sludge to Drying Beds

Working with new employees on their CDL Training, they are studying for the written test first.

Roger Schaefer
Water/Wastewater Superintendent



PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

May 2021

General Park Report

- The park board met on May 12, 2021.
- We will need to work out a schedule on the water sprinkler with Roger so that is in place and ready when the need arises this summer.
- The parks are getting great use with many sports leagues and events occurring each and every night.
- The 18th street park basketball court will be out of commission for a portion of the month of June in order that it can be resurfaced. Dates will be relayed once a schedule is finalized. The new surface will have both basketball and pickleball lines.

Park Cleaning & Sanitation

- The parks are following the State's Back on Track standards and directives.

Old Town Lake

- Construction is ongoing for the kayak launch and fishing pier. With a rainy few weeks and a clogged drain, we've lost a little bit of time in our construction schedule.

Matthew Weyer
May 15, 2021



Town of Ferdinand
2065 Main Street
FERDINAND, IN 47532-0007
Phone 812-367-2280
Fax 812-367-1303
E-mail: twnofferdinand@psci.net
www.ferdinandindiana.org

TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS MAY 18, 2021 MEETING

1 – Am serving as temporary cleaning person for 5th and 18th Street Parks, until Cleaning Concepts is able to hire a new individual to handle those duties. The cleaner gave notice earlier this month and they have had no success in finding a replacement. In addition to me, I will be utilizing one of our new Park & Rec summer helpers to get the cleaning done as well. I am maintaining contact with Cleaning Concepts as to the status of hiring. If the process goes much further than the end of May, I will approach Council and Park Board about other options going forward.

2 – We have started receiving interest in participating in the 2021 Dubois County Leadership Academy. One application is already turned in and multiple HR leaders have been notified of the upcoming 2021 session, and are in the process of seeking willing candidates.

3 – Work is continuing with the 2021 Ferdinand Folk Festival. We are on the verge of announcing our line-up, but are still finalizing details with a couple of artists before making the big reveal. Vendor applications are available on the Folk Festival website and previous years' vendors are being contacted directly as well.

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

KENNETH SICARD, President
TAMARA M. MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

DEBBIE JOHNSON, Member
SHARON BOHNENKEMPER, Attorney

RONALD WEYER, Member
CHRIS JAMES, Town Manager