

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2018

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday January 9, 2018 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members, Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller, and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the December 12 and 20 meetings were approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Motion to appoint Ken Sicard as Town Council President was made by Debbie Johnson and seconded by Ron Weyer. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Motion to appoint Debbie Johnson as Town Council Vice-President was made by Ron Weyer and seconded by Ken Sicard. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Lloyd Froman reported 310 calls for December and a total of 3,863 calls for 2017. He reported the NASCAR Club donated \$250 for the purchase of a body camera and expressed his gratitude. He asked that Beau Anderson be enrolled in the Southwestern Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Evansville in February. Department will provide ammo and lunch (not to exceed \$15 per day) while attending the academy. Tom Merkley will follow in July with the same provisions. Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to approve attendance to the academy and meals. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Lloyd said he will place an ad for Reserve Officers in February.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, reported four fire runs and nine first responder runs were made in December. There were 132 runs for the year 2017. He reported Ed Oser, who served as a fireman for 30 years, passed away and acknowledged his service to the community.

Steve Becher, Utility Superintendent, reported 1 outage due to a transformer overload. Colin Leinenbach started January 8, 2018 for the electric department. Currently, his department is doing preventative maintenance including tree trimming.

Tom Lueken reported doing maintenance at the parks including repairing picnic tables, storm inlet cleaning, dealing with yard waste and completing the disc golf course. Tom and Beverly Schulthise also completed the ERC (Employee Responsible to Take Charge) certification for another year.

Roger Schaefer reported that he received the new skid steer loader with one part missing and will hold \$1,000 until part is received. Ron made motion and Debbie seconded to hold back retainage. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Roger reported repair of Lift Station 1. Lift Station 2 lost a pump and will be rebuilt. In the meantime a spare was installed. His department is doing year-end inventory. He requested that he and two employees, Ryan Ernst and Steve Lechner, be approved to attend the Alliance of Rural Water 2018 Spring Conference in French Lick, March 14 and 15. The cost is \$140 per person and one meal (not to exceed \$15) and transportation costs.

A motion was made by Debbie to approve attendance at the conference. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Roger discussed the options for disposing of the Bigfoot truck, possibly the sale of truck or dismantling the truck to sell as scrap metal. Motion was made by Debbie to declare Bigfoot truck surplus. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Motion was made by Ron to have Roger Schaefer and Bill Shaneyfelt establish bid parameters on the Bigfoot truck. The truck will be put out for bids in March. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, stated all of the disc golf holes are ready at the 18th Street Park. He added that within 10 minutes of completion, the course was being used. They are working on tee boxes. Equipment can be rented out at the YMCA or is available for purchase at All-Star Sports. The project was totally funded by donations and sponsorships. He is waiting on prices to resurface the playground areas.

Chris James reported the annual Homeland Security Informational meeting will be Tuesday, February 20 at 7 pm. at the Legion with Carl Deel, who will provide requirements for festival and events. Reservations are requested, but not required. Contact Chris James at cjames@ferdinandindiana.org or 812-367-2282 or Sue Fink at finkster@psci.net or 812-860-2839. The Ferdinand Chamber is working with the Huntingburg Chamber to plan a series of seminars starting on January 30 with Launching Your Own Business, Funding Your Business in February, Legal Questions in March, Location, Location, Location in May, Marketing in July and concluding with an open panel discussion in September. He stated preparations were beginning for the Folk Festival to be held in September.

At 8:00 pm. a Motion was made by Ron Weyer to close bids for the project to pave 5th-8th and 13th-16th on Virginia Street and 16th Street from Virginia to Main. Deb Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The first bid opened was from Hunter Paving & Construction for \$72,822. The second bid opened was from J. H. Rudolph & Co. for \$79,072.50. The third bid opened was from Calcar Paving Inc. for \$59,080.45.

A motion was made by Ron to authorize acceptance of the lowest bid from Calcar Paving upon satisfactory review of the bid specifications by Tom Lueken and Bill Shaneyfelt or Sharon Bohnenkemper. The review shall be completed within 14 days. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Under Old Business, Chris James reported all payments have been made to Quality Craft on the Virginia St. & W. 16th Street Water Main project, with the exception of \$1,600. which is being held until the cornerstone on the Greulich property is replaced.

Roger Schaefer gave an update of the wastewater plant. He noted problems with the gates and fence. The gate was laid out wrong, the poles have not all been set and concrete was poured in the wrong spot. In his opinion, Graves Plumbing should cover these corrections under the warranty and these items have been added to the punch list. Debbie expressed a safety concern due to a lack of fence or gate. Schaefer was directed to add

an orange safety fence or require Graves to put a temporary fence to prevent access. Most of the punch list items will be addressed in the spring.

Fire Chief John Hoppenjans and assistant Luke Fleck reported on their recent trip to Louisiana where they visited the plant where the pumper truck will be built. They went through the design item by item and then brought back preliminary plans to verify all expectations will be met. After final confirmation, the truck will be built within 290 days. John and Luke reported the old fire truck will be put up for sale once the new truck is up and running. Proceeds shall go toward the payment of the new truck. It will take 2 weeks to prep the new truck once it is received, then the old truck can be sold.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, reported the contract has been fully executed for a grant in the amount of \$200,000 to develop the walking trail at the Old Lake. Universal Design is drafting the plans.

There was a motion made by Debbie to approve the official contract with Universal Design regarding the W. 23rd St. Project Design and Construction upon final review by Tom Lueken. The payments shall be made in two installments: \$17,700 upon the completion of the Final Design and Bidding Phase and \$13,000 upon the completion of the Construction Phase. The total contract is \$30,700. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Steve Becher stated we will do the tap for the utilities for the Sisters Project. Steve will get bids on parts and do the labor in-house. He will report at the February meeting.

Steve Becher and Chris James presented a 5 year budget totaling \$610,500. A budget was distributed that included a storage building that will house a chipper, mini-track hoe, wire storage and skid steer. Based on his 5 year budget of \$610,500 divided by 5 years, an increase of \$122,100 per year is needed. A report issued in the prior year by Umbaugh & Associates calculated a \$91,600/year would result in a 12% increase; \$208,000/year would result in a 37% increase. Bill Shaneyfelt will analyze the numbers and return with a figure that will net the necessary funds, possibly an increase of 13%-16%. For comparison purposes, an average usage of 4,000 gallons per month is now billed at \$28.91. The 12% increase would increase that bill to \$32.98, or a \$4.07 increase. The actual amount will be slightly higher. The Umbaugh report showed the average monthly costs in neighboring communities and the city of Jasper was then charging \$34.91 for 4,000 gallons. Shaneyfelt noted Ferdinand's rate will still be one of the lowest in the region. Once the determination is made, it will take a couple of months to work through the required process to change the rates and then go through a full billing cycle before the new rate would take effect.

There was discussion regarding the Rickelman fence. A Motion was made by Debbie Johnson that the town will contribute a maximum of \$2,567.35 which is ½ of the total cost of \$5,134.70. Rickelman would complete the work. The town could order material to save him sales tax. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Tom Lueken reported the Senior Citizens Building is in need of new ADA accessible front and back doors. There is money available in the building fund. He will get pricing and drawings for the next meeting.

Debbie Johnson made a motion and Ron seconded to approve the contract for Use of Municipal Public Parks with Ferdinand Township for \$26,000. Also in motion Ken Sicard and Tamara Miller to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The contract will be paid in two installments: \$13,000 on June 30, 2018 and \$13,000 on December 30, 2018. This is a \$1,000 increase over 2017.

The Fire Protection contract with Ferdinand Township was approved for \$36,000 on a motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Also in motion Ken Sicard and Tamara Miller to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The contract is to be paid in two installments: \$18,000 on June 30, 2018 and \$18,000 on December 30, 2018. This is a \$1,000 increase over 2017.

Ordinance 2018-01, an ordinance creating Chapter 9.05 of Title 9 "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Town of Ferdinand Municipal Code relating to Compression Braking and Repealing Section 9.06.040(8) regarding Mufflers, and amending Section 1.12.040. The town council determines that the creation of unnecessary and excessive noise and sound within the corporate limits of the Town of Ferdinand is a detriment to the public health, safety and welfare and the quality of life of the citizens of the Town during the hours of 9 pm – 7 am. It was determined after discussion with Lloyd Froman, Police Chief, that the fine shall be \$100. for using compression brakes. A motion was made by Debbie Johnson to approve the ordinance at meeting introduced. The motion was seconded by Ron Weyer. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Ordinance 2018-02, an ordinance enacting Chapter 9.20 to the Ferdinand Municipal Code regarding Off-Road Vehicles was introduced. The Town Council desires to allow the use of off-road vehicles on certain Town streets and municipal parking areas as authorized by State Statute. The Ferdinand Municipal Code shall be amended to add Chapter 9.20. It was determined a first offense will result in a fine of \$25.00 and \$100.00 fine for a second offense within thirty days. A motion was made by Ron to accept the Ordinance at the meeting introduced, seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Ordinance 2018-03, an ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 entitled Ordinance Violations Bureau was introduced. The Town Council desires to update the language of its Municipal Code to comply with State statute and further to accommodate the adoption of an ordinance related to compression braking. A motion was made by Debbie to accept the Ordinance at the meeting introduced, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Resolution 2018-01, a resolution to encumber funds for a payment to Eck Mundy for \$1,641.00 for a computer for Chris James, Town Manager, from 2017 budget to be purchased in 2018. A motion was made by Debbie Johnson to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Per the Dubois County Commissioners nomination, Dan Collignon was reappointed by President of Town Council, Ken Sicard, to the Ferdinand Economic Development Commission for the term February 1, 2018 - February 1, 2022.

Ken Sicard recognized Tamara M. Miller is the newly appointed Ferdinand Clerk-Treasurer effective January 1, 2018.

Resolution 2018-02 was adopted that states Ken Sicard, Tamara M. Miller and Beverly Schulthise shall be the signatories on the bank accounts held with Old National Bank and German American Bank (excluding the account designated for the Folk Fest) and shall have the authority to conduct all bank business as deemed necessary for the Town. Chris James and Ken Sicard shall be the signatories on the Folk Fest account and checks shall require both signatures. Motion to approve resolution as presented was made by Ron, seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

The Board honored Beverly Schulthise for 40 years of devoted service to the town, including 30 years serving as Clerk-Treasurer. Ken Sicard presented Beverly with an engraved silver platter and glass mugs etched with the town logo as a token of appreciation.

Claims in the amount of \$177,296.54 and \$88,319.27 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-yes, 0-no.

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie made a motion to adjourn and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-Yes 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Due to a conflict with Shaneyfelt, the council will meet again in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 4:30 PM. Zoning Board will meet Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 6:30 PM and Plan Commission meeting will be at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL





Clerk-Treasurer




