

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 2023

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller. Also in attendance were Boy Scout Sam Etienne and his mother.

The election of officers was conducted. Motion to appoint Ken Sicard as Town Council President was made by Debbie Johnson and seconded by Ron Weyer. Motion carried 3-0. Motion to appoint Debbie Johnson as Town Council Vice-President was made by Ron Weyer and seconded by Ken Sicard. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Council Meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Department head reports (attached) were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

Todd Fischer, Electric Superintendent, requested permission to purchase poles at the cost of \$23,187.90. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard moved to approve the Ferdinand Street Department to continue to be listed as a Temporary Debris Storage and Reduction Site in the Dubois County Debris Management Plan. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Ben Brinkman and Scott Hoffman to attend the WWETT Conference for water and wastewater hours in Indianapolis February 20-23, 2023, at a cost of \$1,225 for 3 nights hotel, plus travel and meals. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, reiterated there is no camping permitted in the parks per Town Ordinance.

James requested approval to purchase an AED for the Senior Citizens Center for approximately \$1,500. Sicard moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Brinkman stated the soil test is back and John Wetzels is working on the non-potable water permit renewal.

Miller accepted the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure forms from Ron Weyer. Ken will sign the forms on behalf of the Council.

Diane and Alvin Hoppenjans, representing Friends of the Chapel of Christ the King Parish, requested the town wastewater department install the sanitary sewer system at an estimated labor cost of \$2,300 and materials of \$7,794 for a total of \$10,094 per the quote provided by Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rachel Waninger, Jamie Jahn, and Kyle Jahn, representing the Heartland Half Marathon committee, presented a race route for the upcoming event on September 16, 2023. Kerri Blessinger, Police Chief, will review the proposed route. Chief Blessinger's main concern is the safety of the runners and walkers.

The Town of Ferdinand's 2023 ADA Transition Plan was presented by Tom Lueken and highlighted by Sicard. Ron moved to approve the Plan. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Bohnenkemper stated once a year the notice of our ADA policy is sent to the Ferdinand News for publication.

Interviews will be held this Friday for the open position in the Water/Wastewater department.

Sicard is going to contact prospects to fill the two vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Sicard stated Kim Fischer is willing to fill the open position on the Economic Development Commission (EDC). Sicard nominated Kim Fischer to fill the EDC open position with a term expiring 2/10/2024. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken moved to appoint Don Foerster to represent the Town of Ferdinand on the Dubois County 9-1-1 Advisory Board. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller gave an update on the outstanding utility accounts receivables and stated she has submitted a portion of the outstanding receivables to the TRECS program to collect outstanding balances.

Debbie moved to adopt Resolution 2023-01, A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to Make the Necessary End of Year Fund Transfers to Balance the 2022 Budget for the Town of Ferdinand. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Resolution 2023-02, A Resolution to Encumber Funds for amounts due to Calcar related to CCMG 2021-02 and CCMG 2022-01. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The awards for CCMG 2022-02 were announced on December 6th and the Town was awarded \$449,891. The bids will be opened at a special Town Council meeting on March 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

The CCMG 2021-02 and CCMG 2022-01 remain open due to the 3rd street water main repair. The paving will be completed this spring after water main repairs are completed and weather permits.

The CCMG 2023-01 application is being prepared and will be submitted this week. The Town's commitment will be under the approved \$100,000 limit.

The UTV ordinance draft was distributed to Council for review. The ordinance will be considered at the February 2023 meeting.

James will get with Sicard to implement a cyber security plan using the IOT (Indiana Office of Technology) guidance.

Renovation plans and cost estimates from Universal Design for the Attorney & EMS Building at 202 East 3rd Street are being reviewed.

James received a draft of the employee handbook from New Focus. He and Bohnenkemper will review the draft and after confirming the updates have been made, the updated handbook will be provided to Council for approval before distributing to Town employees.

The ARPA plan will be amended to add the 3rd street building renovations, air conditioners for the Senior Citizen Center and a generator for Town Hall. The updated plan will be presented to Council for approval. Debbie moved to approve the purchase of a 33,000 KW generator from Weyer Electric for \$24,641. the lowest bid received. The total amount for generator and installation costs is not to exceed \$30,000. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Ron abstained.

The Indiana 15 Regional Planning Contracts were tabled until the February Town Council meeting.

Sicard stated the Town will support the Town-Wide Yard Sale, but it is not run by the Town. The yard sale is normally the first Saturday in April unless it is Easter weekend.

Ron moved to allow Miller to sign the 2023 MHHCC Health Screening agreement for the Town if MHHCC makes the changes requested by Sharon. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The optional screening is set for April 25, 2023.

Debbie moved to approve Town employees to attend the pipeline safety program at the Huntingburg Event Center on February 15, 2023. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to pay regular claims. Debbie seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

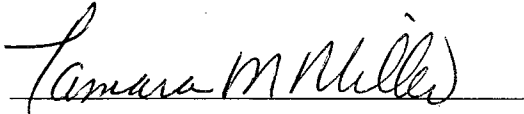
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	February 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Special Town Council Meeting	Thursday	March 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	January 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM-Cancelled
Plan Commission	Wednesday	January 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM-Cancelled
Park Board	Wednesday	February 8, 2023 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	January 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.


ATTEST:

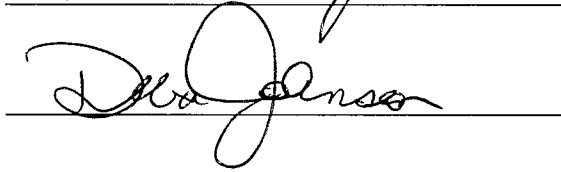
FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer







Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

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

Chief of Police: Kerri Blessinger

Assistant Chief: Christian L. Gogel

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report December 2022	
155			
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	5	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	5	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	3	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	3
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	1
Burglary (attempted)	4	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	4
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	27
Civil Matter /Dispute	4	State Dispatch	27
Citizen Assist	3	Scam	0
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	5
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	4	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	1
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	4
Drug Complaint	2	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	1	Traffic Control	5
Escort	1	Traffic Warnings	13
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	1
Extra Patrol	3	Trespassing	0
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	2
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	1
Fire	2	Vehicle Accident	8
General Information	19	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	1
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	4
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	1	Warrant	2
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	2
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	5
Intoxicated Person	3	Reckless Driver Complaints	4
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	1	Rape / Sex Offense	1
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	1		
Mental Subject	0		



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1. The Ferdinand Police Department submitted all state mandated training hours for 2022. There are also several State mandated policies that are changing for law enforcement which requires agencies to incorporate mandated policies into/with the current operation guidelines. The first of these, Vehicle Pursuit Policy, was issued. We are continuing a policy review and will make the needed changes as necessary.
2. Officer Rayce Jones recently applied for and obtained a grant from the Dubois County Substance Abuse Council. The \$1,916.00 will be utilized to purchase portable breath testers. I have written and included a letter of commendation for diligence to getting this accomplished for our agency.
3. The agency recently completed a full inspection of officers, vehicles, and equipment issued. This periodic review will be held and documented twice a year.
4. The Ferdinand Police Department is currently working with the Integrated Public Safety Commission (IPSC) who oversees our state-wide radio communications and with FirstNet communications to corroborate with surrounding police agencies to improve radio communications. This is being done to prepare for the quickly approaching time that police radios will need to be updated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Blessinger, Chief of Police



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LETTER OF COMMEDATION

January 12, 2023

To: Officer Rayce Jones

Dear Officer Jones,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincerest thanks for work and diligence in obtaining the grant funding from the Substance Abuse Council for our new portable breath test devices.

Not only do attend the meetings diligently, you took the initiative to learn about the offered grant program, completed the needed research, and applied for the grant. This enabled the Ferdinand Police Department to receive \$1,916.00.

This funding allowed the agency to purchase 4 new portable breath test devices to assist our Officers with enforcement of intoxicated subjects.

Again, thank you for the time and energy you took upon yourself to do. Your efforts and hard work for you coworkers and the Ferdinand Police Department do not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,

Chief Kerri Blessinger

Ferdinand Police Department

: Personnel File



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31
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2022 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	2	12		14
FEBRUARY	4	7		11
MARCH	5	8		13
APRIL	2	11		13
MAY	5	6		11
JUNE	4	12		16
JULY	5	12		17
AUGUST	1	7		8
SEPTEMBER	5	11		16
OCTOBER	10	19		29
NOVEMBER	8	14		22
DECEMBER	9	6		15

Our run total for 2022 was 184. Which seems to be around the new normal.

Electric Department Report

Jan. 17, 2023

- No unplanned outages
- Pole change outs east side of main street area
- Need approval to purchase poles for \$23,187.90



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Town Council Meeting

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Completed our ADA proposed commitment plan for 2023

Started sweeping streets and vacuuming out all drain inlets throughout Town

Did some more street shoulder work

We did receive half of our road salt

Cleaned up the yard waste and tree limb drop off site

Help take down and packed of the Town [Christmas](#) tree and put in storage

I received this question and am passing it for Council decision. From Narissa A. Zink in regards to Dubois County Debris Management Plan. I am updating our debris management plan for Dubois County. I would like to confirm that it is still okay to list Ferdinand Street Department as a temporary debris storage and reduction site.

Still working on replacing faded street signs.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 2023 ADA Transaction plan at the [January 2023](#) meeting.

CCMG 2022-02 trying to work out dates and details.

CCMG 2023-01 not sure if we can get something planned out and submitted in this short window of time. But if we set a possible match amount, we could give it a try and if we can't hope there will be a 2023-02 and put it towards it.

CCMG update 2021-02 and 2022-01 are completed working on final billing before we can close it out.

CCMG 2022-02 update awarded projects were announced [December 6th](#) at 10 am. We received our full requested amount.

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Water:

MRO's Filled with IDEM

2 Water leaks this month totaling 6,000 gals lost

January 10th & 12th on 3rd street

Retired service line hit when putting in new main

3rd Street project has started back up with the warmer weather so far this month

4 call outs over Holidays for frozen lines

1 on our side, meter frozen in pit

Monthly Water Bought	
Total Gallons	7,049,000
Max. Day	215,000.00
Min. Day	161,000.00
Avg. Daily	220,032

Wastewater:

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

Monthly plant flow 8.4 Million gallons

38% capacity

Solids discharged 3.6 mg/l per day average

Phosphorus levels of .5 mg/l out of a limit of 1 mg/l average

Had one Sanitary Sewer Overflow this month with 1 VFD failing to kick in third pump during heavy rains on the morning of January 3rd, 2023

All reports have been filled with IDEM

We had VFD fail completely on the oxidation ditch from old age, Dec 31st, 2022

-Weyer's installed new VFD on January 10th, 2023

Lift Station 2A transducer (pump level alert) and alarm battery failed the week of December 25-30th

-Float system has been set to run for time being and alarm battery has been replaced

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In a separate note,

Clint has sent in to retake his Class II Wastewater Exam

Kyle is still waiting to hear back from IDEM on his Drinking Water Exam letter of acceptance.

Education:

Ben and Scott will be attending WWETT conference for water and wastewater hours in Indianapolis February 20th-23rd staying over night those days, need council's approval for the trip to include night stay transportation and meals.

Open Position:

Second round of interviews will be Friday the 20th with Kelly Gardner from the Alliance sitting in. Currently we have 3 great applicants.

Ben Brinkman
Water/Wastewater Superintendent



PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

January 2023

General Park Report

- The park board met on January 11, 2022.
- The board reviewed a recent community member's presentation about camping within the park properties. The board reviewed the issue with the resident and wishes to reiterate to the public that camping is not permitted within parks and is stated within town ordinances.
- Two Eagle Scout candidates presented potential projects—one at the Old Town Lake and one at 18th Street Park. The board agreed to allow the candidates to pursue their project ideas.
- 2023 possible projects were discussed but nothing was finalized.
- Election of board officers commenced for 2023 and were confirmed as followed: President – Matthew Weyer, Vice President – Jill Schipp, Secretary – Natalie Howard, Mike Steffe – Board Member.
- The park board will hold their annual major lease discussions at the next regular park board meeting on February 8th at 4:30 pm. All sports leagues and other interested groups are invited to meeting to discuss their league schedules and tourneys so that we can begin putting together an overall park event schedule. The location of this meeting will be at the town hall. A completed lease form, proof of insurance, and schedule must be provided to the town prior to the event and/or season starting.

Matthew Weyer
January 14, 2023



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR JANUARY 17, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

1 – Ben and I have started the process of finding the next new Water/Wastewater employee, conducting three interviews on Wednesday January 11. We are bringing all three back for a second round of interviews this Friday, January 20. Kelly Gardner will be a part of this set of questioning.

2 – Work on the 2023 Ferdinand Folk Festival (Saturday September 16) is getting ramped up. The musical artist selection process has begun and will continue in the coming weeks, with the hope to hold a “Halfway to Folk Festival” event toward the end of March/early April. I am also putting together the 2023 donation request letters to be sent out by month’s end and have started to work on the 2023 vendor application as well.

3 – Applications for the 2023 Dubois County Leadership Academy will soon be active as we move forward into year #13 of the DCLA. The executive board will hold its initial application review meeting later this month and then make the document available to participants. I am looking forward to what this year’s teams will be able to come up with for their Capstone Projects.

4 – Over the weekend, I was able to complete a long overdue clean-up and much-needed repainting of my office, which was still the original color when the addition was constructed 15 years ago.

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