

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

February 16, 2021

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, in the Ferdinand Community Center. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper via Zoom and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Sicard stated Officer Joshua Clouse has been accepted to attend the Plainfield Police Academy.

The water/wastewater department has an open position after the resignation of Eric Stallman. The Council will consider advertising for the open position at the next Council meeting. There was a request made to purchase a new truck to replace a ¾ ton truck purchased in 1999 that has multiple repairs needed. The Council will consider the request and timing of a possible purchase at a future meeting. James will research pricing and availability of a replacement truck.

James requested permission to allow the electric department to recycle three transformers that are no longer usable. Ron moved to declare the transformers as recyclable, waive the formalities of advertising for sale, and allow a sale to the vendor with the highest offer. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-21, regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. The Ordinance states that effective February 1, 2021, Colin Leinenbach will be a Journeyman Lineman for the electric department at a rate of \$33.00 per hour plus two hours minimum at time and a half for emergency calls, plus \$80 per week for those weeks when on call. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Crossing Matching Grant awards are expected to be announced in April.

Ron moved to allow Sicard and Miller to sign the Agreement for Professional Area Economic Development Services with Dubois Strong for 2021, not to exceed \$5,062.78. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the Benet Hall, L.P. (Sisters of St. Benedict) Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements CF-1. She stated all forms were in substantial compliance with their application and recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance forms. Debbie moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 7:00 PM there was a Public Hearing to adopt Resolution TA2021-1C Designating the Area as an Economic Revitalization Area allowing the abatement to proceed. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Ron to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0. A motion was made by Debbie to approve Resolution TA2021-1C. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Ron to allow Sicard and Miller to sign the Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements Form SB-1 for Valley Apartments One, LLC. The 4-year abatement schedule: Year 1 - 100%, Year 2 - 75%, Year 3 - 50% and Year 4 - 25%. The motion was seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Beginning in 2021, new ordinances will be uploaded to the ferdinandindiana.org website. After the annual codification is completed, that years ordinances will be removed. This will enable the public to have access to the most current ordinances.

Weyer stated the Town Hall building signage is complete and will be installed when weather permits. The stand-alone sign is still being developed.

Miller stated all checks outstanding for a period of 2 years or greater shall be declared canceled per IC Code 5-11-10.5. Three checks totaling \$122.12 will be deposited into the fund from which they were originally issued.

James presented a request for GIS mapping services for \$2,000. A one-time fee of \$500 and \$1,500 annual cost allowing on-site GIS access via iPad. The cost would be shared by four departments. In addition, iPad's or laptop computers would be needed and a data plan for each device or a hot spot connection. The Council requested more information and a demonstration before making a decision.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting
BZA
Plan Commission
Park Board
Economic Development Comm.

Tuesday
Wednesday
Wednesday
Wednesday
Monday

March 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM
February 24, 2021 at 6:30 PM
February 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM
March 10, 2021 at 4:30 PM
March 15, 2021 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 7:35 PM.

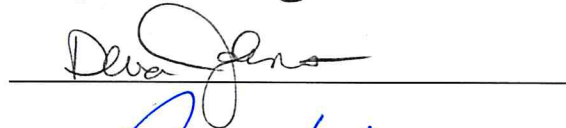
ATTEST:

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: Lloyd Froman

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report January 2021 	
Miles Driven	5987		
Total Gallons	485.8		
Average MPG	12.324		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	14	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	6	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	15	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	1
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	2
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	52
Civil Matter /Dispute	0	State Dispatch	9
Citizen Assist	1	Scam	0
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	0	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	1
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	5
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	2
Domestic Problem	4	Traffic Control	14
Escort	1	Traffic Warnings	55
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	5
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	0
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	0
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	7
General Information	26	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	1
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	3
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	5
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	0	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	10
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	2
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												0
Parking Violation												0
Property Lost/Found/Recovered				1								1
Protective/Restraining Order												0
Prowler												0
Report To Station				1	1							2
Return Messages	8	8	5	4	3	1	21		2			52
State Dispatch		1	2		4	2						9
Scam												0
School Check												0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person			1									1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle				2	1	2						5
Theft				1		1						2
Traffic Control		1	1	8	4							14
Traffic Warnings	1	2	3	7	21		21					55
Traffic Citations			1		3		1					5
Trespassing												0
Threats/ Intimidation												0
Vandalism												0
Vehicle Accident			2	1	2	1	1					7
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene						1						1
Vehicle Check				1		1				1		3
Vehicle Lock Out			2	2	1							5
Warrant												0
Weather Related Problems												0
Welfare Check	2	2		1	4		1					10
911 False Calls		1			1							2
												0
Total Calls	20	28	27	35	60	18	51	0	5	0	0	244
Miles Driven	478	680	780	656	1019	705	1382	90	197			5987
Total Gallons	30.1	44	111.5	36.2	97	65	89.5	0	12.5			485.8
Average MPG	15.8804	15.455	6.9955	18.12	10.5052	10.84615	15.44134	#DIV/0!	15.76	#VALUE!		12.32



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				
MARCH				
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

Usually at the beginning of the year our new members would be enrolled in EMR class but COVID has put that on hold till a later date.

Electric Department report

Feb. 16 2021

- Continuing 4 KV conversion in 9th ST area.
- Continuing with Trilogy Apartment project.
- Had a Planned outage for Masterbrand transformer repair.



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Town Council Meeting

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Last meeting report it was reported we reworked the parking area at the EMS building after checking on their parking pattern we decided we needed to add six curb stops by adding the stops we feel this will protect the building and air conditioning unit from be hit by vehicles we parking by the building.

We repaired a storm tile and put rip rap around the tile at 2105 Pine drive damage was caused by an accident. We filed an insurance claim with the driver's insurance company.

Continuing on cleaning and servicing all our seasonal equipment and trucks.

We removed several trees at the 18th street park the trees were removed for various reasons.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Renovations

The renovations are completed per contract.

CCMG waiting to hear who was awarded grants.

NEW BUSINESS

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Water;

Several small water leaks on homeowner property have been repaired by their plumber

Master Brand had a large leak and have been repaired

Started lowering lake its down by a foot.

Installed 3 water services for new homes

Wastewater;

Called out to Lift Station 4 by Police and Home owner. Made repairs to controller and had to replace 2 floats. Few days latter noted not running right and some contactors were bad.

Install sewer tap for new home

Had lab equipment calibrated per requirements and flow meters

Request filling empty position at plant. Would like to advertise first part of March and Interview and by April Meeting Council hire person selected by Chris and Myself. Pay to be decided by Council

In a separate note,

We have a 1999 Chevy ¾ Ton Utility Truck with 106,000 miles. The Bed is completely rusted thru, the suspension is bad and engine lacking power. Now the brakes are bad and the check engine light stays on as well as the brake light.

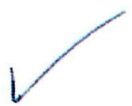
The 1999 Chevy Utility Truck developed several problems several weeks ago. I took the truck to 3 Garages to see what repairs would be needed. Each garage stated about the same thing about the repairs. The ABS Module is bad and cost over 1500.00 if they can get one or try to find a used on or a rebuilt one. The brake lines are crroded and need replacing as well as the wheel bearings and wheel sensor. We just spent 1000.00 in repairs several months ago on the truck.

So we can invest a lot of money into the repairs that we would never get our value back or have the truck replaced. I had the truck parked due to liability concerns until Council lets me know what to do. I realize it was not Budgeted for this year.

I had the guys quote a utility truck in stock from a local dealer. If Council approves we move forward and get more quotes from all dealers and have at next meeting. Only one dealer had one in stock at this time. Enclosed is the quote.

Roger Schaefer
Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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Uebelhor & Sons

Fleet & Commercial Vehicles

972 Wernsing Rd; Jasper, In 47546
(800) 937- 8721

Quoted By: Aaron Vaal

Cell: 812-309-0263

Email: avaal@uebelhor.com

Fax: 812-482-2238

Date: 1/29/2021

Quote # 212911

Customer Town Of Ferdinand

Contact Steve Lechner

Vehicles:

# of Units	(Year)	(Make)	(Model)	(Price Ea)	(Discounts)	(Per Unit)	(Total)
1	2021	Chevy	2500 double cab 2wd Utility Flip lids w/ Hitch and Plug	\$37,828.00	included	\$37,828.00	\$37,828.00

Total (A)

Upfit Info:

(# of Units)	(Price Ea)	(Total)

Total (B)

Notes

Tax not included

Total (A)	\$37,828.00
Total (B)	
Trades	
Diff	
Sales Tax IN	
Tires Tax	\$1.25
Rebates	
Delivery	
Gr Total	\$37,829.25

Quoted By X

Aaron J. Vaal
Commercial Sales Rep

Accepted By X

PO Number #



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FEBRUARY 16, 2021 MEETING

1 – I had a nice (socially distanced) in-person meeting with Habitat for Humanity's Dubois County Executive Director Michael Richard on January 27. He was brought on in this position last year, but due to COVID restrictions, has only recently begun doing outreach with the various communities. 2020 marked 25 years for Dubois County Habitat, with Ferdinand being the site for the very 1st Habitat Home! Michael will be attending a future council meeting and provide an update on Habitat activities and other plans.

2 – On February 9, our department heads (Tom Lueken, Roger Schaefer & Todd Fischer) along with Planning Secretary Don Foerster, Attorney Sharon Bohnenkemper and I met with Brad Eckerle of Brosmer Surveying at Town Hall. Brad presented a plat from an area developer for a potential new sub-division in Ferdinand. The discussion touched on utility requirements for this area, along with addressing and zoning matters. Should this project become official, it will hold more than twice as many homes as Country Ridge Estates, providing a real boon to the Ferdinand housing situation.

3 – Weather permitting, the Dubois County Leadership Academy Executive Board will meet on February 17 to elect new officers and approve the 2021 session calendar. As in 2020, the DCLA will operate a later schedule, with the opening course in July and graduation happening in early November. Applications for participants will be made available by late April or early May.

4 – A project which had gone somewhat dormant in 2020, is starting to regain momentum. Ken and I had sat in on a meeting involving a county-wide trail system toward the end of 2019, providing maps of our existing and proposed trails in Ferdinand as did other entities in the county. Discussions had centered around

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how to connect communities and a \$20,000 grant was received in December 2019 to help further study the issue. I am taking part in a series of meetings in the coming weeks and months to review the feasibility of bike and/or pedestrian trails, plus their locations and possible connection points. Many questions were asked, with some answers given, but much more discussion will be coming. There will eventually be public hearings so county residents can offer input as well. I will keep council up to date on the progress being made.

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PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

February 2021

General Park Report

- The park board met on February 10, 2021.
- 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 need to comply with the state's restrictions as well.
- As we begin the 2021 year, we are receiving inquiries about larger events and our policies. Currently, we've told them that at minimum, the state and county health policies must be followed. Depending on what health advisory level the county is in will dictate the amount of public presence permitted. The board and the town council will have final say for all events. It is impossible for the town to permit any event at this time that will occur later in the year. Direct and repeated conversations between the event planner and the town should be held regularly.
- The park board held their annual major lease discussions with the various league presidents and leaders. We discussed with the leagues the requirements for Lease Forms, Certificates of insurance requirements, Schedules, and COVID Plans. We also discussed any specific facility needs or wants and will look to accommodate as best we can. The park is working on putting together a tourney schedule for all of the weekend tourneys that have been requested.
- 2021 possible projects were discussed. We are waiting on some updated pricing estimates to see what will fit into the budget. No specific large projects have been committed to at the 18th & 5th street parks, but we do have plans at both parks depending on some favorable pricing for some projects.
- We discussed briefly the process of leasing shelter houses for the parks with Tammy. Further discussion and clarification will be needed so we can accommodate everyone's needs as much as possible.

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. Cleaning service and sanitization can be minimized to only those facilities that remain open during the winter months. 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. We have discussed with Chris that the parks will continue to be cleaned in the same manner into 2021 for the foreseeable future. Further discussion will need to occur once that expense transitions to the park board's budget and when the park board and council feel that the service is no longer needed.



**PARKS DEPARTMENT
TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

February 2021

Old Town Lake

- Construction on the fishing pier and kayak launch will begin later this month. Work in the lake will begin just as soon as the water level can lower to appropriate levels. The water level We hope to have those two projects completed as soon as possible, but it will be dictated by the amount of precipitation we get this winter/spring.
- We anticipate that the park can remain open during this construction.
- We've received some updated pricing on the restroom/storage building and will need to discuss with Tammy and the council on how to move forward.

Matthew Weyer
February 15, 2021