

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

April 11, 2023

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 11, 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.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2023 and March 21, 2023 Council Meetings. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Kerri Blessinger, Police Chief, reported the department has received a \$3,100 grant from the state for additional traffic enforcement/school bus safety.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, requested the use of the designated ARPA funds be applied to the purchase of a rescue pick-up truck with camper which would be used for medical runs in place of a full-size firetruck. The council will address the request later in the meeting.

Todd Fischer, Electric Superintendent, requested permission for Mitch Konerding to attend apprentice training in Scottsburg from May 8-12, 2023 at a cost of \$500 plus room, travel and meals. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to approve Todd Fischer to attend OSHA Electric Safety training in Auburn for \$300, room, travel and meals on May 1-2, 2023. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, requested permission to send Brinkman, Becher, Hoffman, Meyer, Kyle Lechner, Ryan, Steve Lechner to the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Operator Expo at Huntingburg on May 18, 2023 at a cost of \$660 plus transportation. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Weyer, Park Department President, thanked the Psi Iota Xi sorority for their continued support and donation to repair the musical instruments at the 18th Street Park.

James reported the portable AED pads for the Police Department were delivered last week.

Brinkman stated that we are waiting on approval from IDEM regarding the non-potable permit renewal.

Lueken stated the CCMG 2021-02 and CCMG 2022-01 road paving projects will be done by Calcar after the water main repairs on 3rd Street are complete. He has been in contact with Calcar.

Sicard stated the CCMG 2022-02 bid was awarded on March 21, 2023 to Knies Construction and the CCMG 2023-01 application was submitted.

At 6:45 PM the bid for the unused equipment was opened. Roger Schaefer bid \$525 for the DM208V Vibratory Roller. Lueken recommended acceptance of the bid. No sealed bids were received for it or the other equipment.

Bohnenkemper and Lueken will put together the specifications for the police department exterior painting scope of work, and the letters will go out to potential bidders.

Bohnenkemper stated the MVH Ton Truck specifications are complete, and the letters will go out to dealers. Bids will be opened at 7:00 PM on May 16, 2023.

Fire Chief Hoppenjans and Bohnenkemper will work on specifications and solicit written quotes to be opened at 7:15 pm on the May 16, 2023 regular meeting.

Ron moved to adopt Resolution 2023-04, A Resolution Amending the ARPA Plan Adopted by Ordinance No. 2022-17 – Amendment Date April 11, 2023. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed three MasterBrand Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements CF-1's. She stated all forms were in substantial compliance with their applications 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.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the KFAM (final year of the abatement) and Valley One Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements CF-1's. She stated all forms were in substantial compliance with their applications and recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance forms. Ron moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the KNU Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements CF-1. She stated the 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.

Ron moved to allow Ken to sign the three-year lease with Vincennes University d/b/a Generations, expiring July 12, 2026. The property is situated in the kitchen of the Senior Citizen's Center. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to allow Bohnenkemper to send a letter to the owner of the property located at 1305 Main Street building that has fallen into disrepair. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller stated the town is experiencing success using the TRECS program to collect delinquent accounts receivables.

Miller provided the 2024 Budget Timeline Dates:

2024 Budget Meeting with Department Heads – Tuesday, July 25, 6 AM
2024 Budget Hearing - Tuesday, August 15, 7 PM
2024 Budget Adoption - Thursday, September 21, 7 PM

Debbie requested permission to form the health insurance committee. Ron moved to approve the request. Ken seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie would like to begin planning on three sidewalk projects in Town. She will contact Universal Design to help with the planning phase of the projects.

Debbie requested a Special Meeting be held for a Town APP presentation allowing all Council Members to be present. She will look into possible dates.

At 7:15 PM, Ron moved to close the acceptance of bids for the 202 E. 3rd Street Renovation (roof replacement). Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The bid from Seufert was \$103,775, with an alternate bid to paint the exterior for \$12,000. Lueken and Brett Schipp, from Universal Design, exited the room to review the bid.

Bohnenkemper asked if there is a Town property that would be a safe dwelling for residents during threatening weather. Bohnenkemper will contact the Convent to see if they offer such a dwelling. The park shelter houses/restrooms and the library are also options.

Lueken and Schipp returned and stated the bid was in order and recommended awarding the bid to Seufert. Ken moved to award the contract to Seufert, without the alternate bid. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie and Kim Fischer, EDC member, will attend some of the Radius Indiana meetings on April 25-27, 2023, which will be paid in part by a scholarship from Dubois Strong.

Ron moved to approve the special claim from Grow Dubois County for \$4,000 which is

for work done in 2022 and earlier by Midwest Engineers for a previously approved project. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The invoice arrived after the claims register for regular claims was generated and was treated as a special claim so it could be paid.

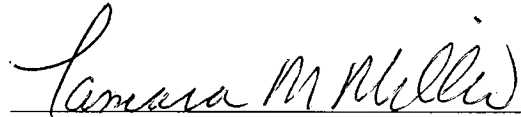
Debbie moved to pay regular claims. Ron seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

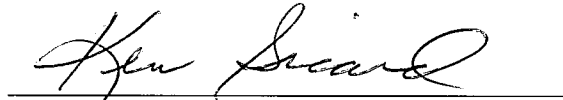

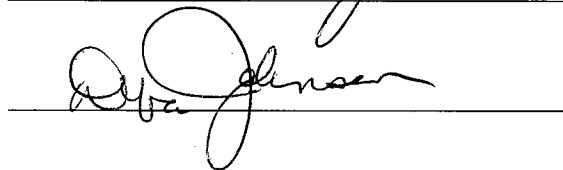
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	May 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	April 26, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	April 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	April 12, 2023 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	May 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

ATTEST:


Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Ferdinand Est. 1905

Police Department

243 West 10th Street Ferdinand, Indiana 47532

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

Chief of Police: Kerri Blessinger

Assistant Chief: Christian Gogel

1. The Ferdinand Police Department met with John Jones to discuss police vehicles, installation of police equipment, and possible leasing of police vehicles. The facility was impressive and is very willing to help us with information. We will continue to work with the dealership to explore options.
2. On March 2, 2023 all officers with the Ferdinand Police Department attended the Act Out Training held in Jasper, Indiana. This class meets the guidelines for some of the basic State requirements for yearly training. Christian and I previously attended the class at the Chief's Association Conference.
3. March 8, 2023 I was asked to sit on the panel discussion board for the Empowering Young Women event held at VUJC. It was a great opportunity to influence young women and interact with youth in a positive way.
4. March 9, 2023, I met with the Sisters at the Monastery to discuss the protocols and procedures for the protection of vulnerable adults and minors. This board lined out the course of action should a child or adult report inappropriate behavior. This information was invaluable and a great collaborative effort. I look forward to continuing the positive working relationship.
5. The town-wide yard sale was held the last week of March. Other than a few property damage crashes, everything ran smoothly.
6. The FLOCK system contracts were signed and the permitting process has begun.
7. The new SD7 radios were received and should be fully functioning by the end of next week.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Blessinger, Chief


Ferdinand Police Department

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Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report March 2023	
	375		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	6	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	0	Parking Violation	5
Assist Other Agency	19	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	3
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	1
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	5
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	32
Civil Matter /Dispute		State Dispatch	27
Citizen Assist	4	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	4	Security Check	3
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	5	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	1
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	4
Drug Complaint	2	Theft	3
Domestic Problem	3	Traffic Control	5
Escort	1	Traffic Warnings	54
Eviction	1	Traffic Citations	1
Extra Patrol	149	Trespassing	0
Fight	1	Threats/ Intimidation	2
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	1
Fire	3	Vehicle Accident	8
General Information	22	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	5
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	0
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	1	Warrant	0
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	1
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	5
Illegal Dumping	1	911 false calls	4
Intoxicated Person	2	Reckless Driver Complaints	6
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	1	Rape / Sex Offense	0
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	1		
Mental Subject	0		



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31
Ferdinand, IN 47532

2023 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	2	12		14
FEBRUARY	2	13		15
MARCH	4	14		17
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

Truck 402 is back in service.

We did our Adopt a Highway clean up along 264.

We conducted our annual drivers training.

Dustin and Kisiah Shepherd have quit the department.

Electric Department Report

April 11, 2023

- No unplanned outages
- Pole change outs east side of main street area
- Starting on Main Street lighting from 13th to 3rd
- Permission to send Mitch to first apprenticeship training workshop
 - Scottsburg May 8 to 12
 - \$500
- Permission to send Todd to OSHA training/safety culture course
 - Auburn May 1 and 2
 - \$300



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Completed our spring Town cleanup. This cleanup had one of least amounts of trash, if not the least amount, ever collected.

Working when we can on our weed control efforts.

Repaired street signs and did some limb and debris cleanup after the high winds.

In the process of removing some dead and wind damaged trees that could be a danger to people along the trail at the Old Town lake and along the trail at the 18th street Park.

Going to start patching some utility cuts this week when asphalt materials are available.

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

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Water:

MRO's filed with IDEM

1 water leak Saturday April 8th

Main broke at 4-inch transit pipe broke at valve

Valve was needing to come out any way for 3rd Street project

7 blocks on boil order

4 men 7 hrs. to fix

3rd Street Project

Main from Illinois to Alabama Street is waiting for Jasper to tap the main on Alabama St to connect. Starting new service lines this week

March usage:

Total Gallons	6,937,000.00
Max. Day	291,000.00
Min. Day	113,000.00
Avg. Daily	223774.1935

Wastewater:

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

Monthly plant flow 13.8 million gallons

68% capacity

Solids discharged 3.8 mg/l per day average

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

All reports have been filled with IDEM

Lift Station 2A

Automation Enclosures is planning on replacing panel this week on the 11th

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In a separate note,

Clint will be retaking his Wastewater II exam on the 27th of April

Education:

Send Scott, Steve Lechner, Steve Becher Austin and myself to Huntingburg City Park for Operator Expo put on by Alliance of Indiana Rural Water May 18th from 8 am- 4 pm \$660 for all going plus transportation.

Ben Brinkman
Water/Wastewater Superintendent



PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

April 2023

General Park Report

- The park board will be meeting on March 12, 2023.
- The Psi Iota Xi - Ferdinand Indiana Chapter Iota Lambda has notified the Park Board that they are making a donation to provide replacement drum caps for the Freenotes drum set at the 18th Street Musical Park . Two of the drum caps had been intentionally vandalized and were unusable. We are grateful for Sorority's continued support.
- Several spots at the existing Fifth Street Park poured-in-place surface that were damaged have been replaced by the original vendor.
- Spring sports leagues have begun practices around the rain.

Matthew Weyer
April 6, 2023



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR APRIL 11, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

1 – The 2023 Dubois County Leadership Academy is now set, with its highest number of participants in many years- a total of 15 persons submitted applications this year, which is tremendous and shows the continuing value in this program. Our board will be reviewing the submissions and have a board meeting later this week to finalize our roster. The opening session, once again led by Tad Dickel, will take place Friday April 21st at the Ferdinand Library. We will then have a rapid turnaround with our 2nd session, for Business and Entrepreneurship, taking place on Wednesday April 26th. OFS Brands of Huntingburg has graciously agreed to serve as our host site.

2 – Along with the DCLA, I have been keeping busy working on the 2023 Ferdinand Folk Festival. The vendor application is now available by going to www.ferdinandfolkfestival.com or by contacting me directly at cjames@ferdinandindiana.org. A couple of applications have already been submitted and more are sure to come. I am contacting our 2022 vendors to notify them of the application access. We are also receiving a steady flow of sponsorship contributions from our Folk Fest benefactors. It is through the generosity of these donors that allows us to keep the Folk Festival a free event. Thank you very much!! We are also still working toward a musical lineup announcement before the end of this month. More details will be shared on the Folk Fest website and Facebook pages as we lock down the particulars.

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3 – I have been in contact with Nathan Held at Indiana Region 15 seeking out funding options and opportunities for future growth-related projects, specifically related to sidewalk extension/expansion in key sections of Town. This reach out has been prompted by discussions in recent meetings, both Supervisor based and private entities, on how to improve the Town, for current and potential future residents. He has been very helpful to this point and will be a key resource as we move forward with this process.

4 – I sat in on a pair of US EPA hosted Zoom sessions regarding cybersecurity assessments relating to water works and public water systems on Tuesday March 21 and Thursday March 23. Information provided during these sessions was similar to what was provided during a recent conference in French Lick, but was in much greater detail, although not Indiana specific. Some 350-400 persons from throughout the country sat in on one or both sessions.

5 – Am presently working on fuel card reader options for Town vehicles. The current unit is over 15 years of age and is showing wear and tear. Due to technological advances, replacement parts for this model are no longer manufactured. Of particular concern, the display screen at times is barely visible when employees attempt to fuel up or it takes multiple swipes of the fuel card to activate the pump. I have received one quote from the business that installed the last unit and am exploring additional quotes from other sources.

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