

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 2021

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 20, 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 Deputy-Clerk, Kendra Schipp.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

James stated the park and recreation program is being modified for 2021. There will be two sessions, limited to 15 participants per session, and pre-registration will be required. The program will run June-July. There will not be a library Wednesday movie. He made a request to hire two summer employees to run the program. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Amy Kippenbrock, Dubois County Clerk and Secretary of the Election Board presented information on a Vote Center, a polling place where any eligible voter in the county may go to vote. Attached is a summary.

Sicard recommended the extension of the Town of Ferdinand Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures until the end of July 2021. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Deb moved to adopt Resolution 2021-02, authorizing a temporary increase in the fees for renting the Town Shelter Houses and the Senior Citizen Center to cover the cost of the increased sanitation. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Weyer proposed a Town Hall ground sign, similar to the park signs, for the north side of the Town Hall entrance. He will provide the final design and pricing for approval.

Ron moved to declare the used playground fall pads from 5th street park as surplus property with no value and allow Lueken to proceed with reuse/disposal of the pads. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Sicard explained there has been concern expressed regarding traffic turning onto 9th street from Main street. Sicard will get input from the businesses located on both sides of 9th street. Froman stated GPS is routing truck traffic onto 9th street and gave options for parking restrictions. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

Ron moved to allow Miller to sign the engagement letter with Baker Tilly for the 2014 Sewer Bond required disclosures and reporting in an amount of \$500. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Crossing Matching Grant awards are expected to be announced soon.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-07, An Ordinance Establishing the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Number 176. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated that due to an increase in water rates from Patoka Lake Regional Water & Sewer District the Clerk-Treasurer has prepared a detailed water rate study. The proposed rate increase takes into account the water rate increase, capital expenditures and projected operating expense increases. The Council has reviewed the options and has proposed a rate increase of \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons. The monthly charge for 4,000 gallons would be \$47.26, an increase of \$6.00. The last rate increase was passed in February 2019. Sicard introduced Ordinance 2021-08, An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Use of and Services Rendered by the Municipal Water Utility of the Town of Ferdinand. The Utility Rate Hearing will be held May 18, 2021 at 7 PM. If adopted, the increase will be effective the first full billing cycle after adoption. Notice of the hearing will be published in the Ferdinand News and sent to water customers outside of Town limits.

Ron moved to approve 2022 Budget dates:

Meeting	Thursday, July 22, 2021	6 AM
Hearing	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	7 PM
Adoption	Tuesday, September 21, 2021	7 PM

Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James stated the water/wastewater department interviewed three applicants. He explained that one candidate could be enrolled in the wastewater apprentice program immediately, with a starting salary of \$19.00 per hour with an increase every 1,000 hours until completion of 4,000 hours. James requested permission to extend a conditional offer of employment to that candidate, contingent upon passing the preemployment drug test. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James requested permission to extend a conditional offer of employment to a second

candidate, contingent upon passing the preemployment drug test. He would replace the current wastewater apprentice and be enrolled in the water apprentice program on July 1, with a starting salary of \$18.50 per hour with an increase every 1,000 hours until completion of 4,000 hours. Upon completion of the water apprenticeship, this applicant would begin the wastewater apprenticeship program. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Schaefer stated the wastewater property needs timber management. Ron moved to allow Schaefer, Lueken and James to hire a professional timber manager to provide a plan and report back to Council. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lueken stated the Town Wide Clean Up will not include upholstered furniture or mattresses/box springs. These items are accepted at the Dubois County waste sites. This year four stickers are required per household for curbside pick-up.

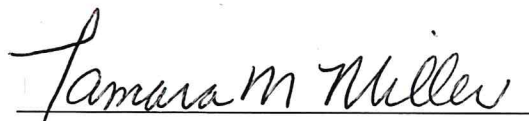
Debbie moved to approve regular claims. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	May 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	May 5, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	May 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	May 12, 2021 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	May 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Town Wide Clean-Up	Tuesday-Thursday	May 4,5,6 begins 7:00 AM

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

ATTEST:

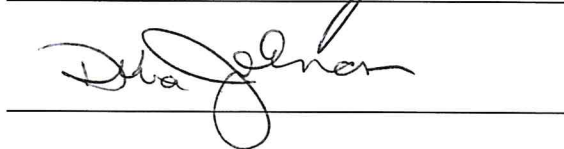


Clerk-Treasurer

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Additional Information: Lt. Hopkins is now certified as a Taser Instructor. We received 4 AED's from Memorial Hospital and are awaiting training which will be provided by Memorial EMS Personnel.

Assisted with a Pre-Basic Class for the Spencer County Sheriff's Department. Assisted with the Elementary Walk to School. Worked on Scheduling for the Up Coming Town Wide Yard Sale.

Officer Clouse has concluded 4 weeks of remote learning for the ILEA. He will start in session classes beginning **April 12th**. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks

Lloyd O. Froman
Chief Ferdinand P.D

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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 March 2021 	
Miles Driven	5021		
Total Gallons	378.1		
Average MPG	13.27956		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	11	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	3	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	17	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	0
Battery/ Assault	5	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	2
Child Abuse/Neglect	3	Return Messages	25
Civil Matter /Dispute	0	State Dispatch	12
Citizen Assist	6	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	4	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	0
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	3	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	2
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	4	Traffic Control	13
Escort	0	Traffic Warnings	24
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	3
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	0
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	1
Fire	2	Vehicle Accident	4
General Information	24	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	1
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	5
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	15
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	5	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	1	Welfare Check	11
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	0
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	3		
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												0
Protective/Restraining Order												0
Prowler												0
Report To Station			1		1							2
Return Messages	5	8		5	6	1						25
State Dispatch		2	3	4		3						12
Scam			1									1
School Check												0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person												0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle			2									2
Theft					1							1
Traffic Control		3		6	4							13
Traffic Warnings	1	2	6	1	10	1			3			24
Traffic Citations			2		1							3
Trespassing												0
Threats/ Intimidation												0
Vandalism					1							1
Vehicle Accident		1			1	2						4
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene						1						1
Vehicle Check				2	1	2						5
Vehicle Lock Out	1	2	4	2	3	3						15
Warrant												0
Weather Related Problems												0
Welfare Check	1	1	1	6	1	1						11
911 False Calls												0
												0
Total Calls	22	38	34	43	46	22	0	0	6	0	0	211
Miles Driven	305	410	810	820	1058	699	657	90	172			5021
Total Gallons	15	32	96	35.5	75.5	55.7	28	13.9	26.5			378.1
Average MPG	20.3333	12.813	8.4375	23.1	14.0132	12.54937	23.46429	6.47482	6.490566	#VALUE!		13.28



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				
MAY				
JUNE				
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

We conducted our road clean up on St. Rd 264 from 162 to 425 East

Electric Department Report

April 20, 2021

- No unplanned outages
- Continuing with 4kv conversion in 9th and Missouri areas
- Completed repair of recloser in substation #4 from animal damages.
 Installed animal guards on all circuit breaker ears in both stations.
- Adding Street lights at Industrial Park Rd and 162 to increase safety at the intersection
- Preparing cost estimate for Hidden Meadows Subdivision

Hidden Meadows Subdivision

Estimation for in house primary electrical installation

3.24.2021

Labor – 32,000

Equipment – 12,100

Material - 34,260

TOTAL = 78,360



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Town Council Meeting

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DEPARTMENTAL

We have to do a lot of pot hole patches, area dig outs and some milling areas to pave. We did pot patch, we had to wait until this week before we could start dig outs and milling the asphalt plants just now started making hot mix.

Started right of way and retention pond clean up and mowing.

Cleaned out sediment from some storm water basins.

Had the roof repaired on the old Thomas building. Had reported last meeting we were having leaks.

OLD BUSINESS

CCMG I sure thought we would have heard something by now!

NEW BUSINESS

Property declared surplus rubber playground fall protection mats. We tried for along time to find a place where we could get something for them contacted several recycling companies and received no interest.

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Water;

Water main leak at Roos Heights

Working on several small water leaks

Installed 4 water services for new homes on Georgia Street

Working at New Lake cleaning

Mowing Season Started

Placing order for water main pipes and fittings next week.

Wastewater;

Making repairs at WWTP and replace VFD to Oxidation Ditch

Install sewer tap for new home on Georgia Street and starting at 285 East Street for another tap

Still having large trucks on Southview drive knocking over the concrete Leg o Blocks

Request filling 2 empty positions at plant. Would like to fill both positions that are open ASAP. We had 3 interviews on Thursday evening and it is hard to find people wanting the job.

Meetings with Kersteins on new proposed sub-division, going well.

Roger Schaefer
Water/Wastewater Superintendent



April 2021

General Park Report

- The park board met on April 14, 2021.
- Per the Dubois County Health Department, any event or league is required to submit a COVID response plan for 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.
- Practices and some games are in full swing in April for the youth sports leagues. All of the fields are getting regular use.
- 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 board reviewed a quotation to repair and resurface the basketball court at 18th Street which is in pretty bad shape. The board approved the work unanimously. The work will include a new surface with new lines for both a basketball court and two pickleball courts. Additional repairs to the fence and lighting will come in the future. Work is scheduled for early this summer. The original surface was installed in 2007 and has been in the plan to repair for a number of years.
- Two eagle scout candidates presented their ideas for separate projects within the parks.
 - Gavin Kieper presented his idea to provide LED solar lighting along the bridges at the old town lake. The project will be funded and installed by Gavin, which will provide LED lights with integral solar collectors along the wood railings on and allow for additional safety around the bridges.
 - Kennedy Staton presented her idea to build an interactive human sundial in 18th street park. The project will be funded and installed by Kennedy, which will provide an interactive opportunity to tell time using the person's shadow with various flat numbered stones embedded in the ground. Location is being finalized.
 - Both projects were unanimously approved. Work will be coordinated with Tom and his crew.
- The park board is investigating a digital app / calendar service to assist with sports leagues, shelter house rentals, tourneys, and travel league rentals to keep up with the growing demand of scheduling these events and avoiding scheduling conflicts. The process will include other town employees who would have interaction with this and is in the very early investigation phase. We are currently discussing with other local park and rec leagues to find a cost effective, simple, and reliable solution.



April 2021

Park Cleaning & Sanitation

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

Old Town Lake

- Earthwork and clearing has begun for the fishing pier and kayak launch. The trail around the lake will remain open. The goal is to have the projects complete by Memorial Day.

Matthew Weyer

April 19, 2022



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS APRIL 20, 2021 MEETING

1 – I recently met with Becky Hickman, new Executive Director of the Dubois County Chamber of Commerce. We had a fairly wide-ranging conversation on the role of the Chamber in Ferdinand, how they could provide assistance and what other groups should they work with going forward. I let her know the Merchants Association, prior to COVID-19, was looking to take on some of the aspects of the former Ferdinand Chamber and that she should work with them on future projects. Later that same day, the County Chamber hosted the ribbon cutting for the new expansion at the Tri-County YMCA.

2 – Work on the proposed Bike and Pedestrian Trail project is moving forward. Our group held an in-person meeting on April 8 to review the information proposed during our initial get together, as well as to discuss both positives and challenges for this project. What was revealed were a variety of potential routes and differing levels of trail types. Ron Taylor and Nick Jahn, who are heading up the development team, stressed that the routes they are proposing do not supersede or override any projects being looked at in individual communities, but are in addition to these plans. Another in-person meeting of the group is set for this Thursday afternoon, which should provide a more advanced rendering map. We are working to hold a public comment meeting in early-to-mid May to receive the opinions of residents. That session will provide further guidance and direction as to the best and most optimal route(s) to construct or if there is even enough support for the work to go any further.

3 – I have forwarded onto council my proposal for a 2021 Summer Park and Rec program. If given approval for this plan, I am requesting permission to hire two summer employees to operate the program. As stated in the proposal, this year's program will have limited attendance and be split into two separate morning

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sessions, to allow for cleaning and sanitizing of the shelter house before each group. It is also my intention to have children pre-register for the overall program, which will help with scheduling. Also, much like our public meetings, I will request that all kids be signed in by a parent or guardian, to provide a contact list in the event of a health-related issue. And masks will be required for all participants.

4 – We are continuing with preparations for the 2021 Ferdinand Folk Festival. Final musical artist selections are being made right now and we hope to provide our line-up announcement in the coming weeks. Much other behind the scenes work is also ramping up and the vendor application form will be posted on the Folk Festival website by week's end, as well as our Facebook page.

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What is a Vote Center?

Simply put, a Voting Center is a polling place where ANY eligible voter in the county may go to vote.

The Voting Center Model gives voters more flexibility on Election Day because they are not constrained to a specific polling location.

There are several reasons (benefits) why some counties have moved to Vote Centers. Some of these reasons include:

- **Convenience** for the voter since they can vote closer to work or home. They can even use any vote center in the county or jurisdiction.
- **Voter turnout** might be increased due to the convenience of vote center models.

Vote Centers have been established in IN since 2006.

- There are 46 counties in Indiana with Vote Center Plans currently.

What does this mean to Ferdinand and their voters?

PROS

- Convenience
- Voter Turnout could increase

CONS

- Purchase additional wifi hotspots, stronger ones in areas needed and hotspots for back ups in other areas where we currently use facility internet.
- Increased fee on municipality election cycle
 - Each municipality in Dubois County has the County Election Board run their elections. The EB may recoup 75% of the fee from the city. (CEB-35)
 - Fall 2019 the CEB recouped \$3,895.91 for the Nov. election.
 - If we were a Vote Center county that fee would have been an additional \$719.58 to total of \$4,615.49
 - Spring 2019 the CEB recouped \$3,124.48 of the fee from the city. (CEB-34)
 - If we were a Vote Center county that fee would have been an additional \$522.56 to total of \$3,647.04.

Study Committee

Group will look at locations throughout all the county to present a plan to CEB. Some Jasper changes – Habig Center prefer us not come back as they have senior bingo on Tuesdays and prefer not to change their schedule for election. County Election Board member has asked to review other locations as decide if we can narrow down by two locations.

Invited Gary Van Winkle to group from SE Dubois area. Long time poll worker.

Meet 2 or 3 times and may possibly go look at sites as needed and discuss voter outreach for any change made.