

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

May 9, 2017

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Debbie Johnson and Ron Weyer Council members, Clerk Treasurer, Beverly Schulthise, and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the April 18th meeting was approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. We had a visitors in the audience from Forest Park High School, Adley Spayd and Chris Byers, who were attending the meeting for a class.

Lloyd Froman, Police Chief gave his April report. Their department gave a tour for the Girl Scouts, did a talk to Senior Citizens about scams, and participated in Clean Sweep sponsored by GAB and received \$300.00 June 26th, Steffen Zink will start attending the Police Academy in Plainfield and be finished by October 26th.

Dan Lindauer, Fire Chief, reported 15 runs for April, six were fires and nine first responder runs. Chris James reported that Quality Craft Construction was working on Missouri St. water project and it is coming along nicely. Roger has stepped in to help with water projects.

Tom Lueken said curb, sidewalk & ADA projects are being worked on in his department. They assisted raising water meter at Ferdy Flyer. His department is installing new storm drains at Access Road.

Roger Schaefer, Wastewater Dept., is putting in sewer line to Royal Ridge apartments. That is Randy Begle property. He said lots of water came down to treatment plant during flood.

Matt Weyer said the park Board is focusing on Old Lake Project. Couple things have to be done. They are archaeological study, engineering design, wetlands study, and land acquisition. These need to be done before project can start. Matt publically thanked Mobel Foundation for donating funds for the grill area at 5th Street Park which is now complete.

Chris James said there will be a meeting tomorrow with the Sisters of St. Benedict to discuss the land requirement needed for the Old Lake Trail Project. The Leadership Academy met at Jasper City Hall to meet with public officials. One group is working on musical playground using pipe. The other group is working on Little Free library in areas where they don't have a library. The Folk Fest committee is locking down activities for Fest. There will be a singer/Songwriter contest on Saturday, August 19th. Ed Cole from Dubois Strong is working with Chris on Mobel Property for making it a shovel ready site. Chris attended and Opiod discussion at Huntingburg with the Division or Health and Wellness. We are starting to see more heroin in this area and meth has always been a problem. Demi Jahn and Anna Hagedorn are starting May 10th for Park recreation program. And will assist other departments as needed. Since Henry quit we do not have a qualified water operator. Chris plans to reach out to someone in Huntingburg who has a water operator's license to sign water reports. We need to have an employee work towards a provisional license for water dept. Laura Reckelhoff

was present to have the route approved for the Sisters of St. Benedict 5K color run. This will be June 3rd. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to approve route. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. An Eagle Scout is interested in painting the curbs on Main Street.

Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to close accepting bids on Virginia street water project. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Bid tabulation is as follows: Quality Craft Construction of Dale, IN - \$161,879.94; Deig Brothers Construction of Evansville, IN - \$244,822.00; Mehling Construction of St. Anthony, IN - \$185,000.00; Koberstein Construction of Princeton, IN - \$351,200.00. It was decided on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron to accept low bid of Quality Craft Construction upon approval by Roger, Andy from Lochmueller Group, and Bill Shaneyfelt after they have reviewed the bid and found in order.

Donnie Lampert, Sheriff of Dubois County, was present to discuss with the Ferdinand police and Town Council the police mutual aid request policy for the Town of Ferdinand. The previous Thursday one of his deputies and a jailer were returning from training in Evansville on Interstate 64 in a marked Dunois County police car when a vehicle with Kentucky plates sped by them going 90-100 mph. The officer flashed his lights and went in pursuit. He called dispatch before reaching Holland exit seeking assistance from state trooper but none were available or any other police in the vicinity. Officer then asked for assistance from Ferdinand police. Ferdinand had one officer on duty, Ted Bieker, who contacted Police Chief Lloyd Froman, to see if another Ferdinand officer would be able to come out to assist since Ted was the only one on duty in Town. There was no officer available. Ted did go to the interstate overpass to observe but the Sheriff's department already had the car pulled over at the exit. Lampert was upset because Ferdinand officer did not assist but instead just came and sat. He didn't feel that was giving assistance. Chief Froman said he recognizes the need to provide mutual aid and explained the town's procedures. He said, "We will assist any way we can, but Lampert has to remember we have a town to watch." There are many times we assist government agencies. Froman played the tape of the incident for Council members to hear. It was not known if the speeder received a ticket. Everyone agreed it was in the best interests of the community and county to continue working together.

The building being erected at the Wastewater plant for phosphorus removal is mostly completed. This is the Division I part of sewer project and Division 2 part is ongoing and moving along. The following invoices were approved for payment on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. They are Division 1-Graves Plumbing-\$21,780.00, Division II-Graves Plumbing \$48,251.15, and Bill Shaneyfelt for legal-\$25,000.00. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The drawdown of funds from Rural Dev. is \$95,031.15

The ad for electric superintendent has been advertised. Road bores were done on W. 23rd Street. Tom will have information for June meeting. Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to sign contract with Universal Design for \$23,000.00 for professional services for 23rd street road project. Motion carried 3-yes, 9-no. Bev and Tom will be attending INDOT Community crossings information meeting on Thursday, June 1st at Seymour, IN. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded for Bev Schulthise to attend ILMCT schooling at Florence, IN on June 11-15 for registration cost of \$400.00 plus meals, room, and transportation. Motion

carried 3-yes, 0-no. Roger was authorized to advertise for bids to be received on June 13 for the wastewater tanker to transport sludge. Ron made motion and Debbie seconded to send Dean Gogel to transformer training at Lawrenceburg, IN on July 25-27th. The meals, room and transportation will be paid for by the Ferdinand Utilities. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Tax abatement 2014-4C, Promising Properties was approved on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron, and Bev and Ken to sign. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

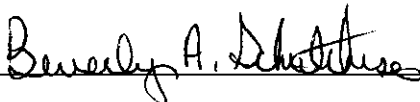
Claims in the amount of \$174,097.87 and \$222,718.66 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-yes, 0-no. Special claim to IN 15 Regional Planning for administrative work on Old Lake Trail project for \$2500.00 was approved on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. to pay claim.

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 9:15 p.m.

Next regular meeting is June 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will meet on June 13th at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 4:30 PM. Zoning Board will meet Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:30 PM and Plan Commission meeting will be at 7:00 PM. Bids on wastewater truck will be opened at 8:00 PM on June 13.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer

