

TOWN OF FERDINAND  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 19, 2020

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, in the Ferdinand Community Center. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Deb Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller; and Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper.

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

Matt Weyer reported the Old Town Lake project is nearing completion. The final \$10,000 of the \$200,000 grant will be released this month. A soft opening should take place in mid-June. A grand opening is being planned for late summer or early fall.

Becher, the electric superintendent, reported the final regulator was delivered and installation is planned for this week.

Ron Weyer reported bids were solicited and received for the required third-party electric substation testing prior to going online:

- Electrical Maintenance & Testing, Carmel                   \$26,730
- Total Electrical Systems Testing LLC, Franklin       \$28,439
- Premier Power Maintenance, Indianapolis           \$13,995

After consultation with Alpha Engineering who reviewed the bids, Ron requested the Council approve the recommendation by Alpha to accept the Premier Power Maintenance bid of \$13,995. Ken moved to approve. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Pavement Sealing Company of Evansville submitted a proposal for layout and striping of Industrial Park Road traffic lane lines from IN 162 to Scenic Hills Drive near Arby's. An updated proposal has been requested to include the removal of the existing painted lines. Deb moved to allow Bohnenkemper and Lueken will review the updated proposal when received and if acceptable, meet with Sicard to seek approval allowing the project can proceed timely. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper stated Progressive Investment Company, LLC has completed the necessary improvement in the replat of Lot 3A, including the installation of sewer service, and recommended

the Town release the PIC performance bond being held and release the security, a cashier's check for \$1,840. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the Emergency Order is still in place and will continue to be updated as new guidelines are set by the Governor of Indiana.

Ordinance 2020-06, an Ordinance Approving Town of Ferdinand Equipment Usage Schedule of Fees and Charges approving a current list of approved rates, which includes a water truck 3,600-gallon vehicle which was inadvertently omitted from the list approved in Ordinance 2020-03, was introduced. Ron moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James gave an update on the Baby Box to be installed at the 202 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Building. The Memorandum of Understanding has been sent to Memorial Hospital and is awaiting signature.

Ordinance 2020-07, an Ordinance Amending the Ferdinand Municipal Code Section 1.15.010 Schedule of Fees and Charges was introduced. The Ferdinand Police Department has entered into an MOU with an agency to provide reports directly to the requestor and provide the Town with a flat fee per report eliminating the Town's Accident Report fee of \$5 per report. Deb moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance No. 2020-08, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1.16 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Tax Abatement was introduced. During the tax abatement period, applicants for tax abatement must not pursue an appeal of the annual assessment or seek to have their property assessed at an amount less than the amount on the annual assessment report or the projection on the abatement application, whichever is greater. Ron moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper explained the Town entered into a 20-year lease with Vincennes University ("Generations") that will expire on July 12, 2020. She is drafting a new 3-year lease with the same base rate that will include an updated equipment appendix. The Council will review and then present it to Vincennes for their review.

After reviewing the demolition application from Access Storage, certificate of insurance, and bond, Deb moved to approve the demolition permit for Access Storage. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper is working with New Focus to finalize updates to the employee handbook.

At 8:00 PM, bids for the Community Crossing Road Projects were opened:

	<u>Bid</u>	<u>A-1</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
C & N Construction & Consulting – Corydon	\$188,382.50	\$25,000	\$75/unit price
E&B Paving – Clarksville	\$186,700.00	\$14,700	\$120/unit price
JH Rudolph – Tell City	\$230,895.00	\$15,845	\$360/unit price
Calcar Paving – Jasper	\$190,708.50	\$26,452	\$64/unit price
Hughes Paving Co., Inc.	\$173,430.50	\$26,566	\$76/unit price

Ron moved to close the bidding process and to allow Brett Schipp with Universal Design and Tom Lueken, Street Department Superintendent, to tabulate and review of the bid packages and make a recommendation to the Council later this evening. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James stated there were six applications for the wastewater apprentice job opening. After interviewing three applicants, Chase Schwenk was offered the position at a starting hourly wage of \$17.50; after 1,000 work hours of his salary will be increased according to the grant agreement. Ken moved to approve the hiring of Chase Schwenk contingent upon passing the drug test. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller stated a computer will be ordered from Eck Mundy after June 1. The computer is property of the Town of Ferdinand to be used by the wastewater apprentice. The IFA grant will reimburse up to \$700 for the computer purchase.

James requested input regarding the 2020 Summer Park Recreation program in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. After discussion, it was decided that the program will be canceled for the year 2020.

After reviewing the bids for the CCMG road projects, Brett Schipp reported the lowest bid was from Hughes Paving Co., Inc. for \$173,430.50 with an alternate bid of \$26,566 and \$76/unit price. The bid package was complete and he recommended the paving contract be awarded to Hughes Paving Co., Inc. Ron moved to accept the bid from Hughes Paving. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller explained the agreement with Boyce Systems for “Boyce Mail” is to print and mail the monthly utility statements. The new utility statements will be delivered in an envelope and provide a graph of the past 12 month’s utility usage. The calculations and cash posting will continue to be done by the town utility office. Ron moved to approve Miller to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Boyce Systems. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller stated the new Town website will be ready to go live prior to June 10, 2020. eGov,

the current website designer, has been informed that the Town will not be renewing its contract.

Budget dates were presented: Budget Meeting on July 22, 2020, at 6:00 AM, Budget Hearing on August 18, 2020, at 8 PM, and Budget Adoption on September 15, 2020, at 8 PM. Deb moved to approve the dates as presented. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Police Chief, Froman, thanked MasterBrand, Kimball, and ArchAngels for their donations during the Covid-19 pandemic and the Town for his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque and recognition. The department is working to fill the reserve positions.

Hoppenjans Fire Chief reported the Town maintained an ISO fire rating of 5.

Lueken stated he does not have a way to dispose of the yard waste being accumulated at the 5<sup>th</sup> street park site. He is looking into options including renting a wood chipper. Tom stated the four EMS rooms at 202 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Building were painted.

Fire hydrant testing will begin on May 26, 2020.

Matt Weyer stated the Park Board approved Brian Mullis for the open seasonal park employee position at an hourly rate of \$12 contingent upon passing the drug test and Council approval. Ron moved to approve Brian Mullis for the park position. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lueken discussed the challenges regarding sanitizing the parks as the parks reopen to the public. He will get with James to create a workable cleaning schedule with the current employees.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2020, and the May 4, 2020 meetings. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The following announcements were read:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	June 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	May 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	May 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM-Canceled
Park Board	Wednesday	June 10, 2020 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	June 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Ron moved to adjourn. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

ATTEST:

Tamara M. Miller

Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

Ken Secord

Ron Wy

Dora Jones


# 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 April 2020 	
Miles Driven	157		
Total Gallons	4657		
Average MPG	405.9		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	11	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	4	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	9	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	0
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	1	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	1
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	Return Messages	45
Civil Matter /Dispute	0	State Dispatch	13
Citizen Assist	0	Scam	0
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	2	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	0
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	4	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	7
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	6
Domestic Problem	0	Traffic Control	1
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	0
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	2
Extra Patrol	2	Trespassing	2
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	0
Fire	2	Vehicle Accident	3
General Information	20	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	0
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	4
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	3
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	1
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	7
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	Ted	Rob	Eric	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Kyle	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
Return Messages	15	9	13	2	3	3				45
State Dispatch		4	4	1						13
Scam										0
School Check										0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person										0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	1	1	2	1		2				7
Theft			3	1		2				6
Traffic Control			1							1
Traffic Warnings										0
Traffic Citations						2				2
Trespassing				1		1				2
Threats/ Intimidation										0
Vandalism										0
Vehicle Accident			1	1		1				3
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene										0
Vehicle Check										0
Vehicle Lock Out		1	1			1				4
Warrant										0
Weather Related Problems				1	1		1			3
Wellfare Check					1					1
911 False Calls			2		2	2	1			7
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>157</b>
Miles Driven	216	340	870	710	714	1090	717			4657
Total Gallons	10.5	15	71.5	88	30.5	112	78.4			405.9
Average MPG	20.5714	22.667	12.168	8.068	23.4098	9.732143	9.145408	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	11.47





# FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

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

## 2020 Summary of Incidents

	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>EMR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>MAY</b>				
<b>JUNE</b>				
<b>JULY</b>				
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
<b>DECEMBER</b>				

**ISO did complete our survey. They kept the town and township the same rating with a 5/5x.**

**The month of April was very slow with no meeting or trainings.**



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## ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

### OUTAGES

Customer on Main Street had half power. We were able to locate the fault in underground service and repair it in a couple hours.

Had a lightning arrester fail on a 3 phase service which tripped the breaker on the step down transformer, leaving about a third of the town without power. Located the problem, then reset breaker. Power was restored to everyone except the customer with bad arrester in about 20 minutes. Replaced arresters and cutouts at the remaining customer in about 2 hours.

Replaced pole in field leading to shopping center.

Disconnected power at saw mill so they could clean transformer enclosure. Ordered a pad mount so debris won't be a problem.

Installed 3 phase service for Fritz at 13<sup>th</sup> & Main.

Cut a few more trees down.

Installed decorative lighting around shelter house at old lake. They are operational, but we will wait to turn them on when we hear from park board.

### NEW SUB-STATION

Still waiting on regulators. Last e-mail they said they are cleaning weld splatters and touching up then they SHOULD be on their way.



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## Town Council May Meeting Notes

### Street Department Report:

We are doing a lot of mowing, weeding and weed spraying. Also, we are cleaning and sanitizing park restrooms twice a week. We are doing all of this because as of **May 15th** we don't have seasonal or any part time help.

With the current shutdowns people are doing tree trimming and yard work more than normal this keeps us busier hauling off waste.

And now this is going to be issue the place we had for hauling the limbs to call **Thursday** and said they can no longer take them. At this time, we do not have a plan of how we will get rid of them.

We worked on the Town Lake project.

We primed and painted four rooms at proposed EMS living.

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Town Council Meeting

### **Water Department;**

We made the 10" connection tie-in at the intersection of 285 East and East 5<sup>th</sup> Street. We have about 400' of water main to install going along East 5<sup>th</sup> Street starting at Florida Street than going to Georgia Street. The testing lab still is not testing any mains at this time so we have to wait to turn it on per IDEM regulations.

**Starting on May 26<sup>th</sup> the Water Department will start Hydrant testing starting at Southview Drive than working thru Town. This will take about 2 weeks to complete. We ask everyone to keep an eye on their water as we near their area and if it turns discolored, they should flush their water for 10 to 20 minutes. This should clear up any problems they are having.**

### **Wastewater Department;**

We had some problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Headworks building that control all the Raw Sewage Pumps. We had to replace Floats, VFD, PLC's and a 30 hp Pump due to Electrical issues. We had Weyer Electric their working with us on the problems. We are still having some problems and they will be repaired soon. Once we make all the repairs I will check with insurance to see any of this can be covered on our insurance policy. (Too many things went wrong at the same time).

We also had a Electrical problem at the Lift Station number 1 on East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Weyers ordered a new transformer and we replaced several lift station floats.

We had to haul 5 containers of Sludge to the landfill. We have about 300 tons of sludge on hand and we are full. We had to make room and still have more to haul over time. For the past 3 years we had very wet seasons and the farmer could only take about 50 tons. Now we again are having a wet year and the farmer planted the high ground but the bottoms are to wet and he let the soil testing laps and he can't get it tested for the spring due to to wet and under water. We are working with him but again he only can take 50 ton. We have over 250 tons of sludge yet and making more every day. We are always looking for farmers to take our sludge.

Roger Schaefer

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## PARKS TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

May 2020 Report

### General Park Report

- The park board met on May 13, 2020. New meeting procedures set forth by the town council were adhered to. The meeting was live-streamed.
- The park board approved Brian Mullis for the open seasonal park employee position—pending the drug screen and the town council’s approval. The hourly pay rate will be \$12.00 per hour.
- We are still searching for a part-time seasonal employee.

### Park Cleaning & Sanitation

- As the parks now open up to more traffic and the playgrounds get opened up, the board discussed what types of policies need to be implemented. There was some discussion regarding how the town council wanted to approach the cleaning of the parks, the parks restrooms, and to what extent and frequency. I think this is the biggest thing we need to address in the meeting. To what extent do we need to address:
  - *Restroom disinfecting process & frequency as well as sanitation product replacement*
  - *Park playground equipment area disinfecting process & frequency*
  - *Shelter houses disinfecting process & frequency*
  - *Concession Stand /Food sales policies and/or restrictions*
- My understanding is that the town has purchased some disinfecting equipment to spray down equipment and restrooms.
- Additionally, portable hand sanitizers are being deployed around the parks. We are working out the details.
- Based on the current Indiana State Back on Track plans, the town parks are adhering to those guidelines set forth in the Governor’s Plan. We are working with others in the town to provide
  - Sports Leagues
    - The Governor is presenting a modified executive order this week regarding additional directions regarding sports leagues on Wednesday according to Monday’s meeting. We will wait to hear his response.
    - We are getting various responses on how leagues are going to operate
    - Currently, sports leagues can begin practices June 14<sup>th</sup>. Each league that plans to start must present a plan for resumption.
  - Shelter Houses
    - Rentals are beginning again. We need to discuss new procedures and responsibilities of renters.
  - Playground Equipment / Fields / Courts
    - We need to discuss how to keep the equipment clean and sanitized.



## PARKS TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

- Summer Program
  - We would like to discuss with Chris James regarding this program. The park board has significant questions and concerns about this program occurring this summer.

### Old Town Lake

- Contractors, Universal Design, Lisa Gehlhausen – Reg 15, Tom Lueken, and I all performed a final punch list walk-through on May 7<sup>th</sup>. There are some remaining items that require mitigation prior to substantial completion. We are awaiting a final response from Seufert Construction on when these items will be remedied.
- All items required by the Indiana Department of Natural resources during our January walk-through were completed. We've been informed by the DNR that they have released the final retainage to the town. Some final paperwork is being completed.
- The town electric department was able to install electric lighting for the driveway and parking area. There is one light pole remaining that will be installed when some concrete is available.
- Tom and his crew have planted the trees and installed park benches and waste receptacles.
- When time permits, Tom and his crew will begin installing the construction bollards when time permits.
- The board is still working behind the scenes on a grand opening town-wide event in cooperation with the YMCA later in the summer or fall. Details and time of the event have not been set and we will wait to schedule the event.
- We are hoping to open the park to the public in the next month or so.

Matthew Weyer  
18 May 2020



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## TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR MAY 19, 2020 MEETING

1 – The 2020 Census information continues to show positive results in Dubois County. As of May 18, Dubois County had a self-report level of 77.2%, far and away the best in this region. Only Warrick County was above the 70% level. On a township level, Ferdinand Township was at 80.9% reporting, which is 5<sup>th</sup> best of the 12 county townships. Madison Township tops the county at 85.3%. Persons are encouraged to fill out their census info, if they have not yet, as soon as possible.

2 – Plans for the 2020 Dubois County Leadership Academy are moving forward. Due to the COVID-19 situation, we have delayed the start of the program to mid-July. Applications are still being accepted, through June 12, for those persons interested in participating. Should Governor Holcomb's guidance be amended in any way that could impact the Academy going ahead, our board will make the necessary decisions to further delay or cancel the 2020 edition.

3 – Work on the 2020 Ferdinand Folk Festival is still moving forward, albeit at a different speed and pace. We have received approximately 2/3 of our requested donations, with some at a reduced level from previous years. In light of the COVID-19 restrictions and concerns, a final decision on the status of the 2020 Folk Festival will be made in the coming weeks. Whatever that option is, please know it will be made with the utmost care and concern.

4 – Ken and I met with representatives from the Safe Haven Baby Box on May 14<sup>th</sup>, for a site survey of the Doc Thomas building. Monica Kelsey and her husband Joe were well pleased with the proposed box location in the building. We are now waiting for feedback on when they wish to begin and how that process will go forward.

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5 – I have been a small part of a group of municipal and chamber officials that has been working on Re-Open Dubois County efforts. In recent weeks, several hundred information packets, highlighting best safety practices for businesses, their employees and customers, have been distributed to interested organizations. A major thank you to the Dubois County Health Department for providing so much of the safety information, and Woods Printing in Holland for the free design and printing work. I have seen countless window clings in area businesses who are a part of this initiative to get the economy moving- in a safe manner.

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