

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING

June 14, 2016

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 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 May 10th meeting was approved after correction on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. The correction was that the Banning Contract for services with the New Lake project was to be reviewed by Bill Shaneyfelt before any action was taken. There remains a question as to the appropriate amount due to Banning. It seems the \$8400 lump sum included some work that had been completed. Council did not approve the contract as stated in minutes. Minutes approved of June 8, 2016 meeting also with no corrections. 3-yes, 0-no

Lloyd Froman, Chief gave the May police report. Nathan and Brian are working on procedure for the new video recording requirements that will be coming. New computers set up and being used. Firearms and Shotgun training was completed by Lloyd. Lloyd said we received 50 hours of training credit which translates to \$1000.00 for the surplus property the Ferdinand Police Dept. gave them. Eric Hopkins is graduating from the Police Academy on June 24th.

Dan Lindauer, Fire Chief, reported 9 runs for May, four were fires and 5 first responder runs.

Tom Lueken, Property Manager, said that the curbing at 6th and Delaware street is being done. Storm drain on Michigan St. and 14th St. needs to be installed for safety reasons because it is hard to mow. He will be putting in tile in this area at Town expense because of safety reasons. The matching grant for road projects is being worked on. We will use LOIT money and budgeted MVH and EDIT funds for our match to the grant. Tom is working on asset management plan in order to be in compliance to receive matching grant from State. Ferdinand will have to write a five year improvement plan and seek support letters from various entities.

Roger Schaefer, Wastewater Superintendant, said they are hauling sludge to the new farm we are renting. The new Dodge truck is in.

Vandalism occurred at 5th Street Park and the vandals were identified by police officer Ted Bieker who caught them. Restitution will be sought. The 5th Street shelterhouse is complete. The Ferdinand Park Board is applying for the federally funded Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant through the DNR. The REC programs are in their second week. They tried afternoon programs but they did not have any attendees so going to do only the morning sessions.

Town Manager, Chris James, said that Wednesday, June 15th will be a class on Communication with the Leadership Academy. Right now the two groups are working on their capstone projects and looking for outside sources for money to use on their projects. There is much preparation going on for the 2016 Folk Festival. Beau Troesch and Colin Hildenbrand will be at the Legion on June 24th to perform. This will be a fund raiser

for the Folk Festival. Chris will be in Evansville on Monday, June 20th attending a Title VI training workshop so he can be certified with the State of IN.

Midwestern Engineers finished plans for phosphorus project and sent plans and specs to Rural Development for their review. We should be able to send out bids for construction by the next meeting. The Rural 5 plan (erosion control) at site of future drying beds is still being worked on. Berms and silt fence have been added. Sewer tap at Casey's is being prepared. Roger is extending sewer taps in areas where curb and street work will begin this summer. Homeowners will not have to tunnel under new streets to access their connection.

Debbie said Tony Cochren have found an insurance company with Anthem insurance that might have a better rate for employee health insurance. The employees will have to fill out FormFire again after July 1st. Council felt to go ahead and look at new insurance to see if we can get something that is less costly. Tony said to expect a 25-30% increase in insurance premiums.

Henry submitted the contract bids for engineering on water line on West side of Main and Best Chairs. Cash Waggner & Associates of Jasper, IN bid a lump sum fee of \$34,800 for printing, application fees, overnight mailings, recording fees, engineering design, permitting and bidding documents, etc. Bernardin, Lochmueller costs for services was \$35,500 for topographic survey, design, permitting, and preparation of bidding documents. Engineering support services during bidding will be \$1,500.00. Engineering support during construction and preparation of as-built drawings will be an extra \$9,400.00. This was tabled because Bill has suggestions for changes to contract and Henry is to send to engineering companies asking for a re-quote. Concerning the Banning Engineering contract, Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to give Ken authority to approve payment to Banning of \$3,426.75 for their services on the New Lake project once Henry Haake has looked into all costs previously made on the project to make sure we have not already paid for these services previously. We should make sure we did not pay anymore than the \$8400 that was in the original contract. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Ordinance 2016-11, an ordinance to establish Fund 257 in connection to the LOIT special distribution pursuant to SEA 67 was adopted on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. at meeting introduced.

Heimatfest 5K route was adopted on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. As reported at the June 8th meeting, the contract with electrical supplier, NextEra Energy Power Marketing LLC will be extended for 24 months for slightly less than previous charges. The contract will be extended to May 31, 2020.

Claims in the amount of \$640,874.40 and \$498,395.37 were approved to pay on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

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 6:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting is July 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will meet on July 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, July 6th, 2016 at 4:30 PM. Zoning Board will meet Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 6:30 PM and Plan Commission meeting will be at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk-Treasurer

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