

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
June 20, 2023

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper (via cell phone) and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2023 and May 16, 2023 Council Meetings. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Kerri Blessinger, Police Chief, publicly thanked everyone for their support during National Police Week and she thanked the Psi Iota Xi Sorority for planting flowers in front of the police station.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, stated he has accepted the quote from John Jones for the 4WD Pick-Up Truck for \$56,103. ARP Fund will cover \$45,000 of the expense and the additional amount will come from the Cum Cap Fund. Hoppenjans obtained an additional quote for up-fitting the truck with lights and sirens totaling \$9,555 also from John Jones. Debbie motioned to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James reported for Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent. James stated the non-potable water permit is in the last stages of approval through IDEM. The non-potable water is not ready to water the ballfields at the park because the required water testing is still being done and should be completed this week. Weyer stated next year the process for using non-potable water for watering the park fields needs to be ready for the season. Sicard stated, Clint Meyer passed his Class II Wastewater Exam and is now a certified operator for wastewater. Kyle Lechner passed the DSM Water Exam and is now a certified water operator for water distribution. In the department reports, Brinkman requested permission to send Kyle Lechner, Austin Ryan, Clint Meyer, Scott Hoffman, Steve Lechner, and Steve Becher to the AWWA training course in Huntingburg on June 29th for 5 continued education hours for a total cost of \$450 and transportation. Debbie motioned to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James stated that Bohnenkemper and he listened to an ADA webinar. James believes the Town is ahead in ADA compliance compared to other communities.

At 6:40 PM Ordinance 2023-09 was presented regarding rezoning 202 E 3rd St from (B-1) to (B-2) Commercial and also rezoning 330 Maryland St. from Residential to (B-2) Commercial. Rezoning 330 Maryland to (B-2) Commercial will make the entire block (B-2) Commercial. At the last Planning Commission meeting the Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation to forward it onto the Town Council. The Council gave reasonable regard to the comprehensive plan, the current conditions and character of current structures and uses in each district, the most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted, the conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction and reasonable development and growth. The Plan Commission of the Town of Ferdinand did, on the 24th day of May 2023, hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the herein amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and were considered and certified with a favorable recommendation by the Plan Commission. Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-09, An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Land within the Jurisdiction of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ruger Kerstiens requested a sewer credit for Forest Oaks Apartments. The apartments had a major water leak resulting in a very large water and sewer bill over two monthly billing cycles. Ruger reported all faulty toilet flappers, faucets, and leaky water line have all been fixed. The Council decided to wait on a decision regarding the requested sewer credit until the bills for the current period have been generated and Brinkman, water/wastewater superintendent, is back in the office. Ruger will talk with the plumber and maintenance to get clarification of the repairs made to correct the leakage. A payment plan was offered to Ruger and can be drafted once a decision regarding a possible sewer credit is made.

The close-out documentation for CCMG 2021-2 and CCMG 2022-1 has been submitted. We are waiting for the close-out letter from INDOT for 2021-2. CCMG 2022-1 is still being processed by INDOT.

CCMG 2022-2 bid was awarded to Knies Construction on March 21, 2023. Bohnenkemper stated we are waiting on a revised description from the surveyor. Once we obtain the revised description, the property owner can sign off on the document.

The property owner of 1305 Main Street is working on getting the property cleaned up.

Lueken is waiting to hear back from Seufert Construction on a start date to begin building improvements on the Attorney and EMS Building.

Lueken stated the Laake Contracting bid for \$9,075 was accepted for painting the Police Station exterior. ARPA Funds will be used to fund the project. The project is anticipated to begin in a few weeks.

Lueken stated he has accepted the low bid of \$74,992 from Bob Luegers Buick for the MVH Ton Truck. The truck will be outfitted with a dump bed, strobe lights, and a snow plow. The sales consultant with Bob Luegers stated that we should be getting a Municipal discount, but the exact amount was not known. ARPA Funds will cover the cost of the truck and up-fitting.

At 7:00 PM Sicard asked if there were any additional bids for 2023- 01 Community Crossing Road Projects. No additional bids were submitted. Ron moved to close the acceptance of bids. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The following bids were opened:

	<u>Base Bid #1</u>	<u>Unit Price</u> <u>per Cubic Yard</u>
E & B Paving – Clarksville, IN	\$246,000.00	\$500
C&R Construction – Corydon, IN	\$248,986.50	\$150
Calcar Paving – Jasper, IN	\$225,463.60	\$120
JH Rudolph - Tell City, IN	\$267,465.40	\$340

To expedite the award process, Brett Schipp with Universal Design and Tom Lueken departed to a separate room to review the bids to determine a recommendation for the Council.

Miller stated the ARPA Additional Appropriation is not needed at this time, but may be necessary before year-end.

Dubois County voted against the Local Safety Tax Initiative. Sicard stated if all Dubois County Municipalities come together and vote to go forward, the tax decision could be overturned.

Miller distributed the accounts receivable report to the Council. The Town is continuing to get TRECS money and is disconnecting two or fewer customers a month.

Bohnenkemper, Blessinger, and Hoppenjans will work on Critical Incident Support Management (CISM). This would be open to all employees to help cope with critical situations that have to do with their job. Blessinger spoke with Jasper Memorial Hospital and the Jasper City Police Chief and found out there is a board that meets countywide.

The Council is reviewing the Electric Rate Study prepared by LWG. The last electric rate

increase was in 2019. In June of 2022, the electric rates were decreased by 1.4% due to the elimination of the Utility Receipts Tax. The projection shows the upcoming capital outlays and the increase in operating expenses going forward. Any increase in electric rates would be a two-meeting process to introduce and pass an ordinance.

Bohnenkemper stated the Town requested and received from Kerstiens a substitute performance bond and a letter of credit lasting for two years in the amount of \$155,000. This is an estimated amount of what it will cost to get the Hidden Meadow subdivision roadways up to specs ready to be approved into the Town's Inventory after a one-year warranty period. Bohnenkemper requested authorization to allow Sicard and Miller to sign both copies of the performance bond. Debbie moved to approve Sicard and Miller to sign the bond. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Johnson stated she is working with Universal Design on sidewalk projects. They are looking into getting a sidewalk on Main Street beginning on 17th Street, the High School ballfield to the Old Town Lake and Vienna Drive. Brosmer Surveying is working on the details of putting sidewalks in these areas. By the next meeting, Johnson is hoping to have preliminary cost estimates.

At 7:20 PM the Council addressed the Werne demolition permit. Ron motioned to approve the demolition permit contingent on receiving the contractor bond. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper stated the fuel card reader agreement has been approved by Synenergy. We are waiting to receive the signed agreement.

Brett Schipp stated he reviewed the bids for CCMG 2023-01 and he recommended accepting the Calcar base bid of \$255,463.60 and the unit price of \$120 per cubic yard. Sicard moved to accept the Calcar bid. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lueken stated he is working on the steps required to add 18th Street and Mississippi Street to the road inventory and present them for Council's approval.

The property taxes assessed on the 330 Maryland Street property have been removed. The commissioners approved the Town's request to remove the taxes.

Lueken is still working on the curb and gutter project for Georgia Street. He will set up a meeting with Bateman and also look into contractors for the project. Sicard stated he will meet with Mr. Oser, who was in attendance, on his concerns about the project and work with Lueken.

Johnson stated that the health insurance committee will hold its first meeting on July 12,

2023, at 10 AM at Town Hall.

Debbie moved that Amanda Kemper's request for a water credit for a water leak on her property will not be granted and a payment plan be offered to help spread the cost over the remainder of the year. The Town pays for all water purchased from Patoka, even water loss experienced by the Town. If credits are given to specific residents, those costs would be distributed to all residents which would not be equitable. Ron seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

There have been problems with a few residents not putting stickers on their trash bags and letting trash bags sit out and animals tearing up the bags. If the Street Department sees trash torn up over a residence's lawn or trash bags without stickers, a letter will be given to the resident on why their trash has not been collected. If the Street Department collects the trash, the resident will receive a warning letter that trash will no longer be picked up in the condition they left it. Blessinger will work with Lueken to make sure residents are following trash collection rules.

Debbie moved to spend ARPA Funds on the MVH Ton truck, Fire Department pick-up truck and lighting, police building exterior painting, Senior Citizens building air conditioning units, and the roof and window repair to the EMS/Attorney building. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie stated she is planning to attend the AIM Conference at French Lick on August 22-24, 2023.

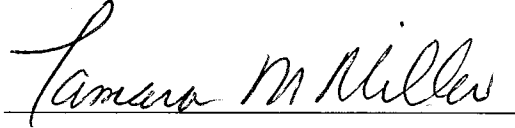
Ron moved to pay regular claims. Debbie seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	July 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	June 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM-Cancelled
Plan Commission	Wednesday	June 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM-Cancelled
Park Board	Wednesday	July 12, 2023 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	July 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Town Council Budget Meeting	Tuesday	July 25, 2023 at 6:00 AM
Town Council Budget Hearing	Tuesday	August 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Town Council Budget Adoption	Thursday	September 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM

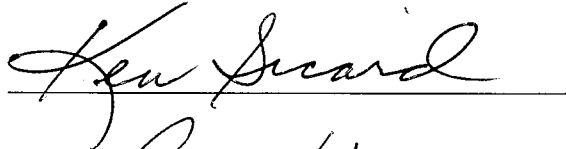
As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

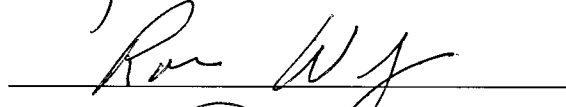
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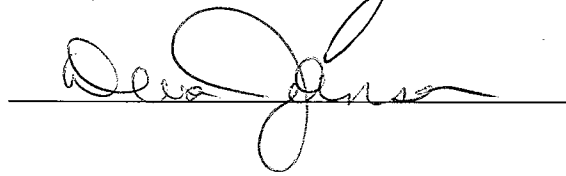


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FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL









Ferdinand Est. 1905

Police Department

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Chief of Police: Kerri Blessinger

Assistant Chief: Christian Gogel

On May 4th, the Ferdinand Police Department participated in the training drill with the Dubois County Sheriff's Office and Indiana State Police. The drill required officers to set a perimeter of the school and assist them with an evacuation drill. The students went to the YMCA station. The officers then cleared the school and assisted with student roll call. We then mapped out the next phase of training which will include medical services, traffic control, and parent reunification. The training continues to evolve for the students in our town.

We also met with John Jones in Salem, Indiana. After picking up the new squad car from Washington, Indiana. The car is currently being up-fitted and will be operational by the end of June. Additionally, we discussed options for future fleet vehicles.

The Ferdinand Police Department participated in the fitness walk with the Elementary School kids. This assignment is one that all of us enjoy every month.

On May 17th, we conducted an active shooter drill for the library. We discussed options of escape and crisis management.

I am currently working on and almost completed with a safety equipment audit for the Ferdinand Police Department. This includes the proper equipment for blood borne pathogens and protective equipment. I have provided all of the officers with hearing and eye protection as well as gloves and other safety equipment. Additionally, I have done the work to prepare packets of information for exposure and workman's compensation claim information and completion of reporting and completing forms should they be necessary. I am also currently working with the Dubois County Health Department to make sure vaccinations and other needed testing is available.

National Police Week was May 14-20th. I would like to thank the Town of Ferdinand and all of the local businesses who reached out to show their support for our Police Department. Your appreciation does not go unnoticed and we thank you very much!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Blessinger, Chief of Police

Ferdinand Police Department

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Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report May 2023	
	244		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	5	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	8	Parking Violation	1
Assist Other Agency	25	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	0
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	7
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	21
Civil Matter /Dispute	0	State Dispatch	12
Citizen Assist	6	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	3	Security Check	3
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	3	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	0
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	4	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6
Drug Complaint	1	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	3	Traffic Control	1
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	50
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	6
Extra Patrol	10	Trespassing	1
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	2
Fire	2	Vehicle Accident	12
General Information	16	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	3
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	0
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	5
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	15
Intoxicated Person	2		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	2		
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	2	4		6
MAY	5	18		23
JUNE				
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

John Jones was awarded the pickup truck. They estimate the delivery date middle of August.

I also got a quote from John Jones to up fit the truck with lights and sirens for a price of \$9,555.

Electric Department Report

June 20, 2023

- One unplanned outage
 - North Main Street approx. 2 hours cause by bad connection
- Pole change outs east side of Main Street area
- Main Street lighting from 13th to 3rd



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Town Council Meeting

June 20th 2023

Worked on curb gutter and drainage on Illinois St. working on putting pavement back along road cut by the curb and driveway.

Repairing a failed area of pavement at the intersection of 1st and Michigan St.

Tested all sprinklers on the soccer and football fields. Repaired and replaced some waterlines in the pit by the baseball fields that feed the sprinklers. This problem was mainly due to the time when a tournament was being played a year or maybe two years ago. It was hot and dry and someone made a complaint. I was out of town and a couple guys were called in not by me and tried to switch non- potable water to town water which didn't work anyway due to not enough water volume in the 1" feed line used.

I have some pictures from a neighbor to the apartments on 3rd Street complaining about the trash put out by the street early in the week just in bags. Animals tear it apart and it gets drug or blown all over the neighborhood. Also, a complaint was made about the vehicle on the street never being moved.

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Water:

MRO's filed with IDEM

May usage:

Total Gallons	8,522,000.00
Max. Day	399,000.00
Min. Day	188,000.00
Avg. Daily	274903.2258

Water leaks

One leak on our side at 2445 Sunward Drive found 6/16/2023

Leak was on a $\frac{3}{4}$ service line and was estimated to be 10- 15 gallons a minute. Duration of leak is unknown, could be have been going on for up to two months since it was going down an adjacent storm sewer pipe.

Kerstiens leak at apartments on East 1st Street

Leaks inside the complex seem to be corrected from our check on Friday the 16th, all leaks did go into the sanitary sewer line and all water was treated at the plant.



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Wastewater:

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

Monthly plant flow 11.85 million gallons
55% capacity
Solids discharged 4.4 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

Non-potable- National Water Service has placed order for supplies, the pumps are still another 8-10 weeks out, looking at putting in mid-August

Ball Field Sprinkler system- Sprinkler line pump is connected and operational,

- Tests were sent off this past Tuesday the 13th and the fields will be able to water once the test results come back
- We are currently using potable water from a flush hydrant to fill the sprinkler tank
 - We are running all tests as if it is non potable water because the tank is not cleaned and disinfected for potable use.

In a separate note,

Clint passed his Class II Wastewater exam and is now a certified operator for Wastewater

Kyle Passed his DSM Water Exam and is now a certified operator for Water Distribution

Austin will be taking his CDL Exam this week.



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Education:

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Clint, will be starting his 1st semester of water class with the Alliance next month
Scott will be starting his 2nd semester of water class next month
Kyle and Austin will be starting their 1st semester of Wastewater class next month as well

Ben Brinkman
Water/Wastewater Superintendent



**PARKS DEPARTMENT
TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

June 2023

General Park Report

- The park board meeting was held on June 14, 2023.
- In speaking with Ben Brinkman, he is still waiting on the full approval for IDEM's permit for the sprinkling of the fields. He's optimistic that we will have the permit by June. Because of the delay, we've converted to potable water and are awaiting some final testing so that our fields can be sprinklered during this dry period. Many of the fields are in need of water.
- As June turns to July, there are baseball & softball tourneys in the next few weekends.

Matthew Weyer
June 19, 2023



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR JUNE 20, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

1 – Ken and I took part in a Zoom meeting on May 17 to discuss cyber-security with Dr. Joseph Beckman with Purdue University Cyber-TAP group. An agreement has been modified, signed and returned to them so work can begin. At a date to be determined, a cyber-TAP representative will come to Ferdinand for roughly two days to do a full physical review of our present set up and provide a detailed report showing strengths and weaknesses as well as determining other ways to improve our security.

2 – Josh Schermerhorn, our field representative with I-PEP, conducted a Flagger Training session for our Street and Utility Departments, along with personnel from Daviess County on May 24. Many thanks to the Mobil Room for hosting the training. Future safety sessions will be coordinated with I-PEP in the coming months, including but not limited to blood borne pathogens and chainsaw operation safety. This is valuable, free training, that we hope to take full advantage of to benefit our employees. We also will work to invite personnel from other I-PEP member communities to take advantage of these programs.

3 – Work on the Town's Eclipse event- Total Eclipse in the Park- is moving forward. Sharon, Tammy, Debbie and I attended the most recent Merchants meeting to give them an update and share/get thoughts on possible tie-in events, both on Monday April 8 and for the weekend leading into the Eclipse. This will allow our Merchants to fully capitalize on what should be a very busy, highly populated event!

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4 – We have already concluded three sessions of the 2023 Dubois County Leadership Academy with our fourth class to be held tomorrow from Noon to 4pm. All three teams have locked in on their Capstone Projects and have begun the fundraising process to make these projects a reality. I look to provide more specific details on all three Capstone's at our July meeting. Our next session deals in part with the media and communications, which is when the teams start to publicize their Projects and look to get financial support.

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