

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2018

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday July 10, 2018 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting were approved on Motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Lloyd Froman reported police calls for May and presented a report of department activity including participation in active shooter training exercises at the Convent.

Fire Chief, John Hoppenjans reported 5 fire runs and 9 first responder runs in June. The Fireman's Ball will be July 28th.

Steve Becher gave the electric department report which included one scheduled power outage at the Fritz factory. The department is working to get customers off the main street substation.

Tom Lueken reported the 2016 Community Crossing reporting is complete. We are now eligible to apply for 2018 Community Crossing grant funds. Tom and Tamara Miller will attend a training session July 12 related to Community Crossing reporting. Tom and Tamara plan to become ERC certified by completing a four hour training course.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, gave a park update. He reported the department purchased a new mower and traded in the old one. Phase 1 of the 5th Street Park playground resurfacing is complete. Phase 2 will begin next week. A ribbon cutting was held for the Musical Playground during Heimatfest.

John Hoppenjans gave an update of the new fire truck that will be displayed at the Fireman's Ball. There was discussion regarding the sale of the old fire truck.

Matt Weyer gave a report on the Old Town Lake project. On July 11 the Park Board will meet to review the final design plans from Universal Design. They will present the final design to the Town Council on August 14th. They will advertize bid documents at the August meeting, receive bids at the September 11th meeting and will request approval at the October 9th meeting.

Tom Lueken gave an update of the ADA ramp work in town.

Steve gave an update for the Sister's project.

At 8:00 PM the first bid was opened for the electric department transformer. The following bids were received: Sunbelt Transformer for \$375,714; Belyea Company \$315,000; Small Power

Transformer \$366,900; Belyea Company \$297,000 (refurbished); Pennsylvania Transformer Technology \$288,584; and OTC \$291,974. Ron, Steve and Alpha Engineering will review the bids. Ron will reach out to Alpha to ensure they received all bids.

A motion was made by Ron to call a special meeting of the Town Council on July 25, 6 PM to award the contract for the Electric Substation Transformer. The motion was seconded by Deb. Motion passed 3-0.

There being no discussion regarding the Annexation Hearing, a motion was made by Deb to close the Hearing and seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0. The Ordinance 18-07, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Territory To The Town of Ferdinand, Indiana, will be approved at the July 25, 2018 meeting.

Steve and Ron gave an update of the substation transformer project. They have located a back-up substation at a very reasonable price and are working out details.

A motion was made by Deb to schedule the budget meeting of the Town Council for August 1st, 2018 at 6 AM. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

Ken Sicard reported that an Emergency Response and Maintenance Plan must be set in place for the Old Town Lake Dam in order to acquire insurance coverage. The plan is being prepared.

Regular claims in the amounts of \$189,078.93 and \$2,419,017.04 were approved to pay on Motion by Deb and seconded by Ron. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-0.

There being no discussion regarding the Water Ordinance, at 8:30 PM a Motion was made by Ron to close the Water Hearing. It was seconded by Deb. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Deb to approve Ordinance 18-08 Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Use of and Charges for the Use of and Services Rendered by the Municipal Water Utility of the Town of Ferdinand related to Hydrant Rent. The rate is \$184.61 per hydrant. It was seconded by Ron. The motion passed 3-0.

There being no discussion, at 8:45 PM a Motion was made by Deb to close the Knu Tax Abatement Hearing. Motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Deb to adopt Resolution TA-16-2W allowing relief to Knu, LLC to allow a late filing of the compliance reporting related to tax abatement that was due May 15, 2018. The Motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

The council will meet again in special session Wednesday, July 25 at 6 PM and regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:30 PM. There will be a budget meeting August 1st at 6:00 AM. The

meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 4:30 PM. The Zoning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 6:30 PM and the Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 PM. Budget Hearing will be September 11, 2018 at 7:30 PM and the Budget Adoption Meeting will be October 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie made a Motion to adjourn and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST:

Tamara M Miller

Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

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