

**TOWN OF FERDINAND**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 14, 2018**

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday August 14, 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 July 25, 2018 special meeting were approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Lloyd Froman reported police calls for July and presented a report of department activity. Merkley will be attending the academy July 12 - November 9 and Hopkins was certified as a School Resource Officer. Troy Leinenbach, a new Reserve Officer, was introduced at the meeting. Froman will look into ordering a new police vehicle.

Fire Chief, John Hoppenjans reported 5 fire runs and 11 first responder runs in July. On July 12 there was a Natural Disaster Drill and on October 6 there will be a Hazard Materials Drill. He reported on the Fireman's Ball and will work with Shaneyfelt on the fire truck sale agreement.

Steve Becher gave the electric department report which included one power outage and one pole down. The department is working on the step-down substation.

Tom Lueken reported on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street repaving project. He and Miller will be working on the 2018 Community Crossing application for the Industrial By-Pass joint project with the County. He hopes to complete three more applications before the deadline. He asked for approval of a contract from Universal for \$4,500 to get the bids ready for the grant process. A motion to approve payment was made by Ron and seconded by Debbie Motion passed 3-0.

Roger Shaefer gave a department report for wastewater and water. The inspection of the town water towers shows that the Convent tower needs work. He is reviewing the tapes and will present options. The hydrants will be flushed in two rounds, half in the fall and half in the spring. The cable company hit a sewer line in July and they have repaired it.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, gave a park update. He thanked Mobel for their \$15,000 donation to resurface the playground. The Disk Golf course at 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park is complete.

Chris James gave an update of the Dubois County Leadership program. He will be working with New Focus on the new Employee Handbook. The Chamber donated \$10,000 to the Veterans Memorial and is soliciting donations. Kendra Schipp and Taylor Bayer have completed their park summer employment. He gave an update of the Folk Fest scheduled for September 15, 2018.

Ken is talking to candidates for the BZA, Economic Development and Planning Commission appointments.

John Wetzel reported on the Phosphorus Project and presented a request for payments to Graves for \$112,570 and a payment to Midwest Engineering for \$3,460 and to Shaneyfelt and Bohnenkemper for \$10,000. These payments represent the final payments related to the Phosphorus Project. The total Graves contract for the Division Two portion was \$1,661,328. Total project cost was just under \$2,066,000. The original project cost was estimated to be \$2,112,000. A motion was made by Ron to approve his request and seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0. He noted there is a balance of \$46,153 available from US Rural Development. He requested permission to complete the application to request these funds be released to be applied to the sludge truck purchase made by the wastewater department. A motion was made by Debbie to approve his request. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

There being no discussion, at 8:00 PM a motion was made by Deb to close the Best Chairs Abatement Hearing. Motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0. A motion was made by Deb to adopt Resolution TA-15-2W allowing relief to Best Chairs, 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. Shaneyfelt stated that during the July 10, 2018 Council Meeting, the late filing was granted to Knu LLC in error. This motion was to correct that error.

Matt Weyer and Brett Schipp from Universal gave a presentation on the Old Town Lake project. The total project cost is estimated to be \$400,000. The approved grant of \$200,000 will be matched by the Town in funds, donations and in-kind contributions. Lisa Gehlhausen with Region 15 is administering the grant process. The 3 year project would include a one mile walking trail, restrooms, a parking area and renovating the pump house to be an open air shelter house. Matt Weyer requested permission to begin the bid process for the OTL project. A motion was made by Deb to begin the bid process, seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

Tom Lueken requested signing of the Community Crossing Commitment Letter related to the Industrial Park Road repaving project that will be done jointly with the County at an estimated total cost of \$191,806.11. If the grant is awarded, the Town's commitment would be \$47,951.52. The State would fund 75%, the remaining 25% would be split between the County 13% and the Town 12%. A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Debbie to approve signing of the commitment letter. Motion passed 3-0. The Town plans to apply for grants for repaving of three more streets in town.

Steve gave an update of the Sisters' Project; he noted temporary power was added. Roger added that the fire hydrant line was laid.

Tom reported the road cut at the Sisters needs to be repaired. Ken Sicard shared a letter from St. Meinrad thanking the town for their help during St. Meinrad's power outage. The new Senior Citizens Center door has been installed.

Steve and Ron gave an update of the substation transformer project. The temporary transformer purchased for \$36,000 had to be returned and reworked to make it compliant with bid specs. They requested permission to purchase a backup substation Transformer from Ohio Substation at a total cost of \$84,500 contingent upon passing inspection testing. A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Deb to release the Performance Bond related to Kimberly Ct. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

There will be an Insurance Committee made up of one representative from each department. A meeting was set for August 28, 10 am.

There was a motion to move the September 11, 2018 Council meeting and Budget Meeting to September 18, 2018 made by Debbie, seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0. Miller will send notice to Media.

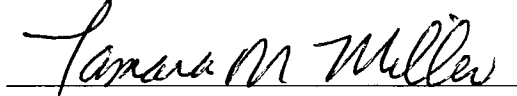
There was discussion of the Municipal Code regarding Named Streets. The Amendment to the Ordinance was put on hold for now.

Regular claims in the amounts of \$68,296 and \$571,467.48 were approved to pay on motion by Deb and seconded by Ron. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-0.

The council will meet again in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:30 PM. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 4:30 PM. The Zoning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM and the Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 PM. Budget Hearing will be September 18, 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 9:10 PM.

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

