

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

August 18, 2020

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 18, 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. Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Sicard read a thank you addressed to the police department regarding Officer Gogel's compassionate response to a visitor and her child who was bitten by a dog while staying in Ferdinand.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, thanked the community for supporting the Fireman's Ball. There is one spot available on the department. Applications are available at the Town Hall and online and will be accepted through October 30. Hoppenjans recognized Bill Powell for his dedication reporting the local news for the Dubois County Herald.

James reported for Roger Schaefer. The pit at the standpipe should be fully functioning in the next week.

Sicard stated the stop sign on Sunrise Drive has been moved closer to 5th Street and printed stop signage has been added on Sunrise Drive at Scenic Hills at the Monastery near 285 E and 5th Street intersection. Froman will monitor the traffic situation and report any issues.

On August 20 at 4:00 pm, the Dubois County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting for Wellness Matters Chiropractic at 301 E. 1st Street.

The Community Crossing street projects were completed this week.

Ed Cole with Dubois Strong reported the annual meeting will be held via zoom on September 2, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Dubois Strong has issued 13 small business loans totaling \$63,000. The Neighborhood Assistance Program allows donors to earn tax credits of 50% of the donation made. Through this program, 9 citizens received \$4,000 each in assistance for a home down payment.

Sicard and Bohnenkemper have been updating the procedures to be followed in the event an employee or family member contracts COVID-19. The documented procedures will be distributed and reviewed with all departments in the following weeks. Deb thanked Ken and Sharon for their hard work putting together the plan.

Sicard moved to extend the Emergency Order and will continue through the date of the next Town Council meeting and will be updated as new guidelines are set by the Governor of Indiana. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Legion has requested the following dates for Burn Permits for 2020: October 11, November 8, December 13, for 2021: January 10, February 14, March 14 & April 11. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken moved to allow Don Foerster to attend an AIM Code Enforcement webinar on August 26th for \$50. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to allow Sicard to sign the Shredding & Recycling Agreement with Kimball International for free shredding service. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Deb's request to form the health insurance committee with representation from each department. Ken seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Deb moved to approve Sicard to sign the Second Amendment to the NextEra Guaranty to update the contact information to be the Ferdinand Town Hall address. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated there will be more information regarding the Town Hall exterior renovation at the next meeting.

Miller stated two Hughes Paving invoices have been included in the regular claims register. One for \$199,996.50 for the CCMG contract amount and an invoice for \$3,356.77 for wedge and level work on Missouri Street. Lueken explained the necessity of the additional work and requested the invoices be paid as part of the regular claims. The town has sent an invoice to Hughes for damage done to water valve risers during the milling process by its subcontractors. Lueken will work with Bohnenkemper to document locations where there were areas of less than full depth replacement.

The October 2020 Rosenvolk is still being discussed.

James stated the plan is to purchase a new backhoe to be shared between four departments: street, water, sewer, and electric and trade in one of the existing backhoes. Bohnenkemper will mail out solicitations for quotes. Quotes will be opened at the September 15, 2020 meeting at 8:00 pm.

Sicard moved that the 2021 Budget Hearing be set for September 15, 2020, at 7:50 pm at the Ferdinand Community Center and a 2021 Budget Adoption meeting be set for September 29, 2020, at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller requested permission to advertise for the Additional Appropriation for a Capital Outlay of \$149,998 for the Community Crossing paving project. The hearing will be on September 15, 2020, at 8:15 pm. Deb moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The employee handbook is nearing completion.

Miller stated there are trash stickers available in sheets of 10 for \$15 at the Town Hall.

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

The following announcements were read:

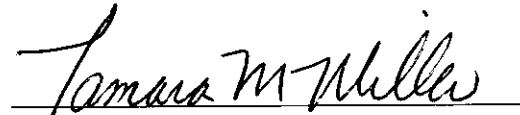
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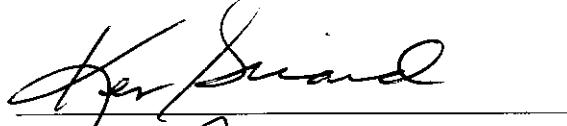
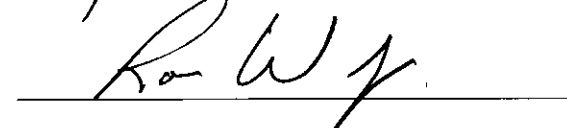
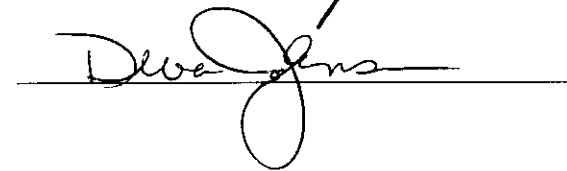
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	September 15, 2020 at 7:30 PM
Town Council Budget Hearing	Tuesday	September 15, 2020 at 7:50 PM
Town Council Budget Adoption (Town Hall)	Tuesday	September 29, 2020 at 5:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	August 26, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	August 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM Cancelled
Park Board	Wednesday	September 9, 2020 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	September 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Deb moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

  
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# 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

<b>Total Calls For Service</b>		<b>Calls For Service Report</b> <b>July 2020</b> 	
Miles Driven	<b>5149</b>		
Total Gallons	<b>514</b>		
Average MPG	<b>10.01751</b>		
<b>Complaint Type</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Complaint Type</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alarm	9	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	6	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	8	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	0
Battery/ Assault	1	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	3
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	46
Civil Matter /Dispute	1	State Dispatch	25
Citizen Assist	3	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	4	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	4
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	5
Drug Complaint	1	Theft	3
Domestic Problem	3	Traffic Control	11
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	21
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	4
Extra Patrol	2	Trespassing	0
Fight	2	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	0
Fire	4	Vehicle Accident	6
General Information	30	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	3
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	14
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	1	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	6
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	1
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	1		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	1		



# FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Ted	Rob	Eric	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Kyle	Seth	Scott	Jay	Total
Mental Subject					1								1
Missing Person Adult/Child			1										1
Parking Violation													0
Property Lost/Found/Recovered													0
Protective/Restraining Order													0
Prowler													0
Report To Station			2		1								3
Return Messages	12	10	5	4	8	2	4		1				46
State Dispatch	2	2	3	5	4	4	5						25
Scam			1										1
School Check													0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person	1	1			1		1						4
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	1				2	2							5
Theft					2	1							3
Traffic Control	2	3	1				3		2				11
Traffic Warnings	2	1	4		5	4				3	1	1	21
Traffic Citations					3	1							4
Trespassing													0
Threats/ Intimidation													0
Vandalism													0
Vehicle Accident					4	1	1						6
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene													0
Vehicle Check	1	1	1			1							3
Vehicle Lock Out	2	2	5	1	4	1				1			14
Warrant													0
Weather Related Problems													0
Welfare Check			1		4	1							6
911 False Calls						1							1
													0
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>235</b>
Miles Driven	558	270	990	440	718	670	862	151	490				5149
Total Gallons	44	15	107	44	80.5	80.5	88.5	0	54.5				514
Average MPG	12.6818	18	9.2523	10	8.91925	8.322981	9.740113	#DIV/0!	8.990826	#VALUE!			10.02



## FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31

Ferdinand, IN 47532

### 2020 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	3	13		16
FEBRUARY	2	6		8
MARCH	2	6		8
APRIL	4	5		9
MAY	3	7		10
JUNE	7	8		15
JULY	8	8		16
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

We would like to thank the community for their support, for our Firemens Ball. We sold out of all our meals. Raffle winners were posted on our Facebook page.

We would like to advertise we have a spot available on the department. Applications will be taken from now till October 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. Applications can be picked up and returned at the Town Hall.

Would like to take this time to recognize former staff writer, Bill Powell, from the Herald. His public service to not only Ferdinand but the surrounding communities will be missed. He went above and beyond to get the story from fire scenes to report to the public.



**Steve Becher/ Electric Superintendent**

Town of Ferdinand Electric Department P.O. Box

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**Electric department report Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting**

## 2 outages

1. Area of east 6<sup>th</sup> st. a squirrel got in the lines blew two line fuses approx. 20 customers out for an hour.
2. Lighting burned up a transformer on east 5<sup>th</sup> st. 7 customers out for about 2 hours.

Replaced rotten pole west of sewer plant this was a good find as the pole feeds all 4 of Masterbrand's 3000 amp services.

## 4kv to 12 kv conversion

Missouri st. from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

Virginia st. from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

Installing electric service to Patoka water meter pit.

Working on converting the rest of east 13<sup>th</sup> to 12kv

Starting soon on decorative main st. lighting from clinic to 3<sup>rd</sup> on south end of town.





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## Town Council Meeting Notes

### August 18th 2020

#### Departmental Reports:

- Moved stop sign and stop bar and painted stop on the pavement at the entrance of the nursing home along 5th street.
- Kendra and I rated the roads in our inventory and updated our file for INDOT.
- Replaced a section of sidewalk at 1525 Main Street it in very bad shape and getting worse and unsafe to use the deterioration started from a water service repair year's back when the repair was done the concrete was not put back.
- We did some asphalt patching.
- Working on moving limbs and yard waste at the temporary site at 5th street and preparing the 23rd street site for the move set for Monday [August 31st](#).
- Town wide clean up did not go exactly as planned. Don't why all the excess amount on pickup piles and missing stickers. Things that may have made a difference: we only had one pick up this year, band boosters not excepting furniture, cannot find places to take items like mattresses or televisions, scavengers picking items in piles taking the items with stickers, or just taking advantage of the clean up. Whatever the problem, we may need to discuss in the future for future cleanups. What the normal two and a half day went to a full four day for pick up and several more trips to the landfill.
- CCMC update the paving is completed we had to add some level and wedge on Missouri Street after the milling was done. A lot of rough areas were exposed, mostly where repairs had been made in the past this was needed to smooth and get the needed profile for the new surface.
- We are replacing the 4 inch sewer line from the outside of lower restroom to the sewer main with 6 inch pipe at the 18th street park. Within the past two months, we had root out the sewer pipe 4 times 1 time we were called in on a weekend during a ball tournament due to sewage back up. On [Monday](#) we inspected the pipe with a camera. Things like a plastic bag and items other than tissue. The old line does have some restrictions with turns a drop down to get below a ditch line and limited access with clean outs. The new line would be bigger

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and have a gradual slope with two clean outs this line will allow most items that can be flushed to flow through and if it were to get clogged it would be a lot easier to open. After all festivals and tournaments from the mid 1970 until now, we haven't had issues. I don't know why people are starting now.

- I have been getting calls about people blocking driveways when waiting to pick up students after school. I had temporary signs made and had the guys place them on traffic cones and place by affected drives, hope this will take care of the issue.

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### Water;

Repaired water valve risers on Missouri Street damaged by milling machine crew. Took 2 days to repair and they were only 3 years old. Replaced around 10 water valve risers. It took 2 men and various equipment. Working up cost for Sharon and we also have photos.

Working on SCADA and electrical lines at Convent for the new Patoka water pit.

Leveling yards from water loop project.

Patoka started on new Water Pit and is going very well.

Treat lakes for algie and will re-treat next week again.

Working with Engineers on Water Audit, Going very well.

### Sewer;

Getting lot of reports of sewer clogs. They are due to weather conditions. The tree roots are going deeper for water causing the clogs and broken pipes. We had 4 clogs reported in 1 day.

Met with new factory owner on west 5<sup>th</sup> Street going over the removal of the old addition. This will happen in the next week or two.



## PARKS TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

### August Report

#### General Park Report

- The park board met on August 12, 2020.
- Per the Dubois County Health Department, any event or league is required to submit a COVID response plan for the upcoming events. Mike Steffe has been working with those partners to help them submit a plan.
- Jenna Steltenpohl with the Ferdinand Branch Library held their first Story Walk in the park late in July. According to Jenna, the week-long event was a success with a lot of positive comments and 130 corresponding craft kits.
- Upon Tom's recommendations, the board agreed to repair an ongoing sanitary sewer issue at the softball field restrooms. The wastewater department will be assisting with the project.
- After experiencing troubles with one of the park mowers last month, the board agreed to purchase a new one. The board solicited three bids and received two. The board agreed to purchase the mower with a 6' deck and a corresponding grass catcher—John Deere—from Hutson for \$17,716.39 which was the low bid. A new mower for the park had been budgeted for 2020. The old mower will be put up for sale to the public.

#### Park Cleaning & Sanitation

- The parks are following the State's Back on Track standards and directives.
- Cleaning Concepts has been cleaning the shelters and restrooms on a daily basis. According to Tom Lueken, the process has experienced a few hiccups in the past few weeks. Tom and Chris will be working to remedy these issues and processes with Cleaning Concepts.

#### Old Town Lake

- Remaining work at the park includes installing bird netting in the pump house as well as painting the bollards. Parts are now in for the netting and will be installed soon.
- The park board discussed September 26<sup>th</sup> as a possible ribbon cutting event. Public events will need to be still determined depending upon the status of the pandemic.
- The park is working on phase 2 fundraising.

Matthew Weyer  
17 August 2020



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## TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR AUGUST 18, 2020 MEETING

1 – The Dubois County Leadership Academy has completed two of its six sessions, with the most recent gathering taking place at the Keith Fritz owned properties at 1245 & 1440 Main Streets. Keith took the class on a tour of both locations, describing the amount of time and effort went into their refurbishment- an ongoing process with the 1245 Main Street building. Our third session will take place next Tuesday, August 25, in Jasper. The day will begin with a visit to Jasper City Hall and sitting in on a Board of Works meeting, before shifting to a shelter house at the Riverwalk for visits from a variety of local and state elected officials.

2 – I have been in contact with Suzan Henke with Memorial Hospital, concerning installation of the Safe Haven Baby Box in the Doc Thomas building. As it stands, work should probably begin in early September. A meeting with Suzan, Suzanne Burgess (Memorial's Director of Pediatrics), the hospital's Facility Director and myself will occur some time next week, to go over the official timeframe, process, etc.

3 – Ken and I took part in a Tourism update meeting last Monday in Council Chambers at Town Hall. This meeting was held at the request of Whitney Lubbers, the new Executive Director of Dubois County Tourism. Diane Hoppenjans and Stacy Kitchin also participated. Whitney wanted to come together, to discuss tourism and Ferdinand events- what was cancelled this year, and plans for 2021. She offered her assistance in any way she could, including doing a redesign of the info sheets in the kiosks at 9<sup>th</sup> & Kundek Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park. This new design will allow each community to place a greater focus on their events, while still publicizing county-wide tourist activities. These sheets will be replaced twice a year at first, possibly increasing to four times per year.

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