

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2022

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2022 Council Meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Kerri Blessinger, Police Chief, reported for the department. Ken moved to approve the request for Officer Clouse to complete an online training for the entry-level Tactical Casualty Care for \$125 and Officer Randle to attend the Glock Armorer Course in Jasper for \$250. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The department will hold an open house on September 29, 2022, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Debbie moved to approve the request to update the police in-car radios for 8 police cars from Harmonic Electronic, Inc. at the cost of \$26,490.61 and to check into the possibility of using ARPA Funds. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, stated the fire department has been working on putting radios in the trucks for the past two years. In coming years, the department will have to start buying more radios and pagers.

Todd Fischer, Electric Superintendent, the department is trimming trees this month.

Ben Brinkman reported for the Water/Wastewater Department. Bohnenkemper is working with Brinkman to create a sewer lateral inspection ordinance. Debbie moved to approve the request to delay the paving of east 3rd street by Calcar until the replacement of the water line that lies under 3rd street can be completed. The paving must be completed by June 1, 2023, to allow the close-out of the CCMG project by June 30, 2023. Bohnenkemper will send a letter to the residents on 3rd street explaining the paving delay of 3rd street. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to approve the request to send Clint Meyer and Kyle Lechner to Chandler for a Work Zone Safety Course on September 21, 2022 and for Clint Meyer and Steve Lechner to go to a Patoka Water Valve Training Course on September 27, 2022 and Kyle Lechner and Ben Brinkman to attend on September 28, 2022

and Brinkman plus one other water/wastewater employee to attend the Southwest Indiana Regional AWWA Conference in Sullivan on October 5, 2022, including courses, travel and meals. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Clint Meyer and Kyle Lechner have received a Scholarship for the Midwest Damage Prevention Conference on November 9-11, 2022, at French Lick including hotel, meals and the conference costs. Brinkman will join them on November 10 for the new 811 rules portion of the conference. Debbie moved to approve their attendance including travel and meals. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The open position for the water/wastewater department has been posted.

Matt Weyer stated the September Park Board meeting has been rescheduled to September 21, 2022 at 4:30 pm at the parks.

James reported the Folk Fest went well and thanked all of the various departments and town employees for their help getting the park set up, cleaned up and dismantled. James is going to work with Police Chief Blessinger to discuss the emergency plans for next year and future fests.

At 7:00 pm the Budget Adoption Hearing was held. The 2023 Budget Form 3 was posted on Gateway and is available at www.budgetnotices.in.gov. The 2023 budget hearing meeting was held Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Miller stated the Advertised 2023 Budget is \$2,297,790 with an adopted tax rate of .7527 per \$100 of assessed value of \$124,606,109. The Maximum Levy is \$948,881. The 2022 Maximum Levy was \$ 897,647. Ken moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-30, An Ordinance For Appropriations and Tax Rates. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James reported Midwestern is working on the non-potable water permit renewal.

Sicard moved that the Town continue to use the CDC streamlined COVID-19 guidance released on August 11, 2022 until the next Council meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard will get in touch with the potential new member of the Economic Development Commission.

Todd Fischer stated he hopes to start interviewing applicants for the electric department's opening next week.

Miller gave an update on the outstanding utility accounts receivables stating the balance continues to show improvement. Additional funds are expected to be received from Tri-Cap to offset some of the outstanding balances. The rate study will include analyzing the late fees currently being charged.

Lueken stated that Calcar plans to begin the CCMG 2021-02 and CCMG 2022-01 road projects the week of September 28, 2022. Miller stated three Community Crossing Matching Grant applications 2022-02 were submitted totaling nearly \$600,000 with the Town's commitment being just under \$150,000. We are waiting for the notice of awards.

At 7:15 PM, the hearing for Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2022-28, appropriating \$363,843 from the Community Crossing Grant Fund for capital outlays, was held. The amount represents the CCMG 2021-02 and CCMG 2022-01 grants received to resurface sections of streets throughout Ferdinand. Ron moved to adopt the Ordinance 2022-28, Additional Appropriation CCMG. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lueken stated that he received three quotes for the parking lot paving project at 330 Maryland Street:

E & B Paving, LLC	Clarksville	\$17,400
J.H. Rudolph & Co., Inc.	Tell City	\$19,600
Calcar Paving, Inc.	Jasper	\$9,950

Lueken recommended accepting the low bid from Calcar Paving, Inc. Ken moved to approve the recommendation. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James stated the roof patching at the EMT building at 202 3rd Street has been completed by the contractor and the EMT's will return to the building on Thursday, September 22, 2022. Lueken's department will replace the ceiling tiles and clean up the area. Because the flat roof issues will persist, the Council is considering a gabled roof for the building. Ron moved to accept a proposal from Universal Design for \$4,800 for the proposed exterior improvement design for the Town of Ferdinand Attorney Office/ EMS Building at 202 3rd Street, Ferdinand. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Lueken will get with Universal to move forward with the proposal.

Bohnenkemper is working on calculations for the possible use of a portion of the ARPA funds for premium pay for employees who worked during the covid-19 pandemic.

Miller stated the London Witte Group rate study is underway. We are in the process of submitting the requested information including capital improvement projections.

Debbie moved to approve Miller to sign the TRECS (Tax Refund and Exchange Compliance System) Memorandum of Understanding and to register the Town with the program. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-31, An Ordinance Modifying Portions of the Personnel

Policy of the Town of Ferdinand, Indiana, effective January 1, 2023. The ordinance includes 40 hours of personal paid time off, an additional holiday on the Friday after Thanksgiving, eliminated the sentence that comp time must be used prior to the use of any other paid time off and added paid vacation is to be used in minimum increments of one hour. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken moved to approve the HSA contribution of \$300 for employees who chose the lower-priced HSA health insurance plan. As part of the benefits offered to Town employees, all employees who did not choose the PPO health insurance option will receive \$300 in their HSA account. If the employee did not choose the PPO plan and does not have an HSA account, the employee will receive \$300 as gross wages. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Legion has requested the following dates for Burn Permits for 2022: October 9, November 13, December 11, and for 2023: January 8, February 12, March 12 & April 16. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Lueken, property and street superintendent, stated the fall clean-up will take place according to the flyer given to Council: October 11th for the west side, October 12th for the east side and October 13th if needed. Curbside leaf pick-up will begin on Tuesday, October 18th and continue each Tuesday until sometime in November when no longer needed.

Approval of Zoning and Other Maps will be addressed at the October 18, 2022 meeting.

Debbie moved to approve Miller to sign the GAB Broker Compensation Disclosure Form related to health insurance. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-32, An Ordinance Amending Ferdinand Municipal Code Chapter 5.03 Governing Stray Animals, at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

A second dog related ordinance was tabled to allow time for consideration.

Debbie moved to approve the invoices from Kurt Garner totaling \$1,700 related to the establishment of the Historic District in Ferdinand. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Debbie Johnson is working with community groups in town to organize a Community Christmas event in December 2022. Ron moved to approve the Town's help to sponsor the event being coordinated by Johnson. Ken seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

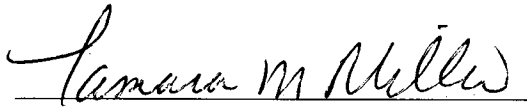
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	October 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	September 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM-Cancelled
Plan Commission	Wednesday	September 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	September 21, 2022 at 4:30 PM @ Parks
Park Board	Wednesday	October 12, 2022 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	October 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM

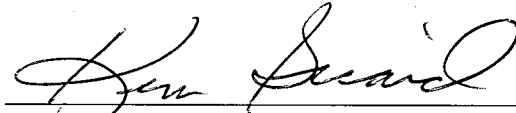
As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

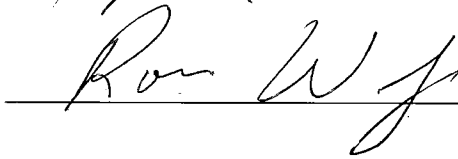
ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer







Ferdinand Est. 1905

Police Department

243 West 10th Street Ferdinand, Indiana 47532

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Chief of Police: Kerri Blessinger

Assistant Chief: Christian Gogel

The new fleet vehicle was purchased from Sternberg's in Dale. We are currently obtaining prices for the lights. The radio is included in the radio quote.

1. Officer Training

I would like to have Josh Clouse complete an on-line training for the entry-level Tactical Casualty Care. Cost: \$125.00 This class is online and self-paced. The course largely deals with the Care Under Fire – Direct Threat phase of an event

The course uses photographs of actual injuries, diagrams of wounds, and step-by-step demonstrations. It can be completed during his scheduled work time and started-stopped as needed.

I have included the course description for further information. I would like to send Rob Randle to the Glock Armorer Course. Cost: \$250.00. The class is held in Jasper, Indiana and would not cause an issue with manpower. This class would provide that we have an officer on staff that can inspect, maintain, safety check, and service our duty weapons who is certified with our duty weapon.

2. Car Radios

I have received a quote from Harmonic Electronics in reference to our in-car radios for the 800's. These would be added to our current VHF radio units in the vehicle. This would have us in compliance with Dubois County.

4. Narcan

Each officer will be receiving two doses of Narcan after completing the mandatory training hour on its use. Please see the departmental policy that will be utilized upon approval.

5. The FPD Open House will be September 29th from 6p-8p.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Blessinger, Chief

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Total Calls For Service	219	Calls For Service Report August 2022	
			
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	2	Missing Person Adult/Child	3
Animal Complaint	4	Parking Violation	4
Assist Other Agency	4	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	0
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	26
Civil Matter /Dispute	0	State Dispatch	0
Citizen Assist	6	Scam	0
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	4	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	0
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	4
Drug Complaint	1	Theft	0
Domestic Problem	5	Traffic Control	14
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	33
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	7
Extra Patrol	2	Trespassing	0
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	0
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	6
General Information	9	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	3
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	9
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	1	Weather Related Problems	2
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	5
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	1
Intoxicated Person	3		
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	0		
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

2022 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	2	12		14
FEBRUARY	4	7		11
MARCH	5	8		13
APRIL	2	11		13
MAY	5	6		11
JUNE	4	12		16
JULY	5	12		17
AUGUST	1	7		8
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

Truck 406 has been fixed. It was warranty work performed at Ruxers.

Electric Department Report

Sep. 20, 2022

- 2 unplanned outages
 - Substation #4 caused by animal
 - One customer Lightning
- Pole changeouts
 - East side of main street
- Continuing tree pruning and removal of danger trees
- Main street lighting from 18th to 13th
 - Boring conduit and installing bases



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Water:

MRO's Filled with IDEM

One Water leak this month totaling 10,000 gals lost
September 9th @ 301 E 3rd St

Flushing to has started we are currently half way through flushing at this time.

We have received confirmation from IDEM on Ben being placed as the Person of Responsible Charge for the drinking water of the town.

Fence line cleaning at New Town Lake will be starting in October along with some fallen tree removal from the trails.

Wastewater:

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

Non-Potable Pumps

Pump have lost head pressure in the last month and are unable to keep up with plant demand. We have switched to town water for use at the plant and are unable to fill non potable tank at this time. Gravy's has been down to check out replacement of pumps and we are currently waiting a quote.

Refrigerator Sampler:

New sampler is up and running per the one switched to by request I (Ben Brinkman) made after the last meeting. For a total of \$8572.00

Education:

Clint and Kyle will be going to Chandler September 21st for a Work Zone Safety course for a certified Work Zone Traffic Safety Class from Purdue University.

Clint and Steve will be going to Patoka Water September 27th for a valve training course and Kyle and Ben will be going the 28th

October 5th Ben and another Water/Wastewater employee will be going to Sullivan, Indiana for the Southwest Indiana Regional AWWA Conference.

Scholarship:

Midwest Damage Prevention Conference November 9th-11th; Clint and Kyle have received a Scholarship for the event that covers all costs from the afternoon of November 9th to the morning of November 11th at French Lick including hotel rooms, meals, and the conference costs. I will be joining them for the day of November 10th to listen to the new 811 rules coming in. I am asking for approval for Kyle and Clint to stay the night the 9th and 10th at French Lick to utilize their Scholarship.

Open Position:

Job description is posted.

Ben Brinkman
Water/Wastewater Superintendent



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Did some asphalt patching and are getting ready to do some more before fall.

Repaired a storm inlet and replaced one.

Shaped and placed rip-rap on a road bank at Convent Road near entrance of The Old Town Lake.

Started the process of replacing the faded street signs.

Working on a drainage issue on Virginia Street between 3rd and 4th.

Restriped the intersection of 23rd and Industrial Park Road, 9th and Industrial Park Road and added needed turn arrows.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CCMG update 2021-02 and 2022-01 the planned start date [August 31st](#). Or the one following week. I got an update [August 12th](#). The contractor said the unusual rain set is setting them back.

CCMG 2022-02 Projects have been submitted.

330 Maryland House- parking lot update prep for pavement has been done also three quotes have been received with Calcar being the lower of the three.

Country Ridge Estates last month meeting we were going to wait until repairs were made to the cul-de-sac and this will be done when they start on CCMG projects.

Fall Clean-up dates Tuesday [October 11th](#) Wednesday [October 12th](#) and if needed Thursday [October 13th](#).

Curb side leaf pick up will begin Tuesday [October 18th](#) we will start on [Tuesday](#) and go until we make one complete Town wide pick up.

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**PARKS DEPARTMENT
TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

September 2022

General Park Report

- The park board will be meeting on September 21st, 2022.

- 5th Street Park
 - The board approved the planting of trees along the north-south service road at the MasterBrand Complex. Trees are being ordered and will be planted later this year.

- Old Town Lake
 - The restroom/storage building construction is nearing completion and will be ready for use in the near future. The area is fenced off, and the public is requested to remain out of the construction area.

Matthew Weyer
September 18, 2022



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

1 – This past weekend we concluded another very successful Ferdinand Folk Festival! The weather once again was outstanding, with a very nice day-long breeze helping keep the heat down. Our overall crowd numbers appeared better than 2021- which is a positive trend for sure. All of our vendors, especially the food merchants, seemed very pleased with the crowds, as they were able to keep steadily busy with little downtime through the day before the mad rush hit around 6pm. We look forward to continuing this trend in 2023 with our 13th Folk Festival- which is Saturday September 16, so mark your calendars now.

2 – I want to thank all of the Town's employees for their efforts in making this year's event such a success. We are blessed with a great Property and Street Department keeping the park looking awesome all year long. I received multiple positive comments from vendors and attendees about how beautiful the park is and why that makes this one of their favorite events. Thanks to the Electric Department for keeping the juice flowing to everyone along food row and the bounce houses in the outfield. And for providing the boom truck Saturday morning to assist with final light positioning on the Main Stage. Much appreciation to the Water/Wastewater Department, with a literal boost from the Electric crew, for installing the hospitality tent, provided courtesy of the Fire Department, giving the artists and our volunteers a place to catch a breather and relax during a very long day. Thanks also to Chief Blessinger and the Police Department for traffic control and crowd

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monitoring, as a lot of people left in pretty tight period of time right around 9pm Saturday. The crowd was upbeat, but well behaved for the most part.

2 – On September 8, I attended a meeting of the IMMA Board of Directors in Plainfield as we are starting face to face meetings again. It was a nice opportunity to chat with fellow managers about the goings on in their communities and realize how fortunate we are here in Ferdinand. As the southern Indiana regional director, I am working on hosting a visit of Town Managers and related individuals sometime in mid-October. Previous opportunities were negated by various health concerns.

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