

TOWN OF FERDINAND  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 15, 2019

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Debbie Johnson, Vice-President and Ron Weyer, Council member, Tamara Miller, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney, Sharon Bolmenkemper. Minutes of the December 18, 2018 and December 28, 2018 meetings were approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Deb. Motion carried 3-0. In attendance were Webelo Scouts: Isaiah Marx, Ethan Goldman and John DeWitt with Den Leader, Kayla Keller.

Motion to appoint Ken Sicard as Town Council President was made by Debbie Johnson and seconded by Ron Weyer. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Motion to appoint Debbie Johnson as Town Council Vice-President was made by Ron Weyer and seconded by Ken Sicard. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Bill Shaneyfelt was presented a plaque from the Council in recognition of his devoted service to the Town of Ferdinand. The Council expressed their sincere gratitude for his service to the town.

Froman reported police calls for December and presented a report of department activity and an annual summary for 2018.

Steve Becher reported on the electric department. He reported one brief power outage.

Tom Lueken reported the street department. The application for the for the Community Crossings Grants will be submitted in January of 2019.

Roger Schaefer gave the water and sewer department reports. He requested permission the department attend the WWETT Expo for one day. The cost is \$180 for all four employees to attend, transportation, parking and meals. Ron made a motion to approve the request. Deb seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Roger requested permission to extend an offer of employment in the Water/Wastewater department to Eric Stallman at a rate of \$17.00 contingent upon passing the drug test. Motion was made by Deb to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0. Roger requested permission to seek 3-5 quotes for a mini excavator for the Water/Wastewater and Electric Departments. Sharon will assist in the specifications a standard excavator with one option for a tilt blade. Ron made a motion to approve the request. Deb seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Matt Weyer gave a park update. He stated that on February 6, 2019 at 4:30 PM the board will set

major leases during their monthly meeting. Matt Weyer requested the process begin to allow the park to transfer approximately \$80,000 unspent funds from the 2018 budget to the 2019 budget. A motion was made by Deb to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. He reported that the Park Board had elections and the officers remained the same for 2019.

Fire Chief, John Hoppenjans reported 2 fire runs and 3 first responder runs in December. They completed the inspection on the ladder truck.

James and Sicard took part in a TRI-CAP/Dubois Strong sponsored Housing Study Focus Group meeting. The talking points centered on housing needed to draw more individuals into Dubois County. Also, the discussion tied in the need for additional employees to area manufacturers, businesses, restaurants and other facilities. A groundbreaking ceremony for the Veteran's Memorial will be held later this month, with actual site prep work commencing soon thereafter. The official dedication is being scheduled for this Memorial Day. Ken, Roger, Tammy and James will meet with Marc Hansen with SUEZ Water Systems this Thursday to regarding long-term planning and budgeting for water tank repair/replacement costs. Revisions on the personnel policy handbook are continuing to be made including increases in vacation time, a shift to the federal holiday calendar, modifications to the vehicle take home policy and the addition of grandchild as an authorized use of paid sick time.

8:00 PM - Bids for the Malibu were opened: Heath Weyer \$1,400; Keith Hassfurther \$1,500.51; Enz Stallman \$851; Brian J. Fleck \$2,101; Kyle Klem \$3,850; Colin Leinenbach \$650. Kyle Klem was the successful bidder with a bid of \$3,850. Sale to be completed within 7 days.

Randy Gruelich was in attendance representing the Sister of St. Benedict. He submitted the proper documents requesting a demolition permit for the house at 451 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street. A motion was made by Ron to issue the demolition permit. Deb seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Deb made a motion to allow 12<sup>th</sup> street to be closed with approval from Froman or Lueken. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

Lisa Gehlhausen explained the 5 Year Mitigation Plan and presented it to the Council for approval. A motion was made by Deb to adopt Resolution 2018-01, Adopting the Dubois County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan allowing all Council members and the Clerk-Treasurer to sign off on the plan. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Ron to allow Ken Sicard and Tamara Miller to sign off on the contract with the Indiana 15 Region Planning Commission for Codification of Ordinances not to exceed

\$1,200, seconded by Deb. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Ron to allow Ken Sicard and Tamara Miller to sign off on the contract with the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission for updating the Town of Ferdinand Base Map not to exceed \$1,370, seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 3-0.

A bid was received from Jim Weyer for the 1990 Pierce Fire Truck in the amount of \$1,050. The Council will take the bid under advisement. Local county fire departments have the right of first refusal and will be contacted.

Matt Weyer reported on the Old Town Lake project. Brosmer is doing the final staking. He is working with Sharon to schedule to bid process.

Becher reported on the Sisters project.

At 8:30 PM Ken made a motion to close bids for the Steel Structure and the Electrical System Construction Project. The motion was seconded by Deb. Motion passed 3-0. There was one bid from Alum Elec Structures Inc. Kendallville Indiana for \$54,251.60 for the Construction of the Steel Structure. There was one bid from Power Construction Group Uniondale Ohio for \$583,400 for the Electrical System Construction Project. Ron made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Deb seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Ken made a motion to allow Ron and Steve, under the advisement of Alpha Engineering, to move forward with the acceptance of the bids. Deb seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Ken is continuing to work on the Old Town Lake Dam ER & Maintenance plan.

The Town of Ferdinand 2019 ADA Transition Plan was presented by Bohnenkemper and Lueken. A motion was made by Deb to approve the Plan. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

The Contract for the Use of Municipal Public Parks with the Ferdinand Township was approved for \$27,000 on a motion by Ron and seconded by Deb. Also, in motion Ken Sicard and Tamara Miller to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The contract will be paid in two installments: \$13,500 on June 30, 2019 and \$13,500 on December 30, 2019. This is a \$1,000 increase over 2018.

The Fire Protection contract with Ferdinand Township was approved for \$37,000 on a motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Also, in motion Ken Sicard and Tamara Miller to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The contract is to be paid in two installments: \$18,500 on June 30, 2019 and \$18,500 on December 30, 2019. This is a \$1,000 increase over 2018.

Lueken reported the Town will be applying for Community Crossing Grant funds again this

year.

A motion was made by Deb to declare excess electrical equipment as surplus and authorize the advertisement for bids and to authorize a special council meeting be set for February 1 at 1:00 PM in order to open and award bids for the surplus electrical equipment. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0. Bids will be accepted until 4:30 PM on January 31, 2019.

Conflict of Interest forms from Ron Weyer were accepted by the Council. Ken signed the forms on behalf of the Council.

The Council has reviewed the information provided regarding the water rates and projected cash obligations taking into account the Patoka Water rate increase the projected capital expenditures. Ken explained the proposed ordinance would increase rates by \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons. This would be an \$8 increase for a 4,000-gallon usage per month.

A motion was made by Deb to introduce the proposed Ordinance 2019-01 Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Use of and Services Rendered by the Municipal Water Utility of the Town of Ferdinand and to set a Public Hearing for February 19, 2019 at 8:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

At 9:00 PM there was a Public Hearing to adopt Resolution TA18-1c Designating the Area as an Economic Revitalization Area allowing the abatement to proceed. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Deb to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0. A motion was made by Deb to approve the Resolution TA18-1c. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Deb to allow Sicard and Miller to sign the Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements Form SB-1 for Begle Properties, LLC. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion passed 3-0.

Regular claims in the amounts of \$1,477,214.95 and \$433,521.84 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-0.

The following announcements were read.

Town Council Special Meeting	Tuesday	February 1, 2019 at 1:00 PM
Town Council	Tuesday	February 19, 2019 at 7:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	January 23, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	January 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	February 6, 2019 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Tuesday	February 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron made a motion to adjourn and Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

*Samara M Miller*  
Clerk-Treasurer

*Jon Secord*  
*Ron W*  
*Deb Jensen*