

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2021

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Sharon Bohnenkemper, Town Attorney and Tamara Miller, Clerk-Treasurer. High school students in attendance: Caden Scherer, Wyatt Fleck, Carter Persohn, Chase Verkamp and Ethan Beckman.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Council Meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Officer Brian Seffernick, representing the police department, stated the Christkindlmarkt traffic control went well.

John Hoppenjans, fire chief, requested permission to hire Dustin Shepherd and Kisiah Shepherd as volunteer firefighters effective January 1, 2022. Ron moved to approve the request, subject to passing the drug test. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ryan Berg will be retiring from the fire department after 25 years of service. The Council expressed their gratitude for his dedicated service. The area firefighters, in conjunction with the Firefighters for Children of Kentucky, will be collecting toys for the Kentucky tornado victims. Items may be dropped off at the German American Bank or the fire station this Sunday from 8 AM - 11 AM.

Tom Lueken, property and street superintendent, stated there will be one more week of curbside leaf pick-up. He stated the leaves need to be "curbside" to aid in the pickup process. His department is preparing equipment for winter weather and snow removal.

Roger Schaefer the water/wastewater superintendent, reported the DNR inspector requested the Town have an engineer do a hydraulic study on the New Lake spillway. Schaefer will get a cost estimate from the engineering company and present to Council for approval.

Matt Weyer stated the December Park Board meeting was rescheduled to December 20, 2021. Matt stated the DNR representative assisted in marking trees that need to be cut, mostly ash trees that

show signs of disease. There are some marked trees on the property line, Bohnenkemper and Matt Weyer will work together to communicate with the adjacent property owner regarding the marked trees.

James stated the Town received an IPEP safety grant for \$4,800 to purchase AED's. The devices will be installed at the Town Hall, Police Station, Football Field and Soccer field at 5th Street Park. James will set up a monthly inspection of the units after installation.

Sicard recommended the Town of Ferdinand Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures dated May 18, 2021 continue until the January 2022, Council Meeting. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard requested permission to sign the Certificate of Appointment designating Bev Schulthise as the Representative of Ferdinand to Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission for another 1-year term. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper stated the County Council has been informed that Dan Collignon is willing to serve another term on the Economic Development Commission. The Dubois County Commissioners have been informed that Mark Dilger is willing to serve another four-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Plan Commission for the vacancy of a member outside the corporate boundaries. Mike Steffe is willing to serve another four-year term on the Park Board. Debbie moved to approve the appointments. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the council members have submitted the required nepotism forms to the Clerk-Treasurer.

Ron Weyer stated he is working with Tom and Todd to place the Town Hall signage.

Agenda item 5. Consider areas to restrict parking / 4-way stop was tabled.

Lueken stated he will contact the contractor regarding the Industrial Park Road South End Restriping project and will include the 9th street crosswalk striping. A quote will be requested in the spring.

Sicard stated delinquent letters were sent out to accounts with balances outstanding greater than 60 days. The letter requested payment in full or the option to set up a payment plan. Action by the customer is required to avoid disconnection in the future. An update will be given at the next council meeting.

Johnson stated the health insurance committee, working with GAB our health insurance agent,

recommended the Town secure health insurance through Anthem effective January 1, 2022. There will be a PPO and an HSA option for employees. Ron moved to approve switching our health insurance to Anthem from SIHO effective January 1, 2022. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper and Lueken are working with Universal Design to work out the 2021-2 Community Crossings Matching Grant Road Projects bidding timeline.

Debbie moved to approve the 2022 Water, Electric and Sewer budgets as previously distributed by Miller. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to allow Sicard and Miller to sign a Stormwater Drainage agreement with Grundhoefer Forensic Engineering, LLC for a fee of \$669 per quarter and an additional \$65 per hour for additional work therewith. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-22, An Ordinance Establishing Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Lueken is in the process of updating the ADA Transition Plan.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-23, An Ordinance Authorizing Investment of Town Funds with Certain Approved Depositories at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Economic Development Commission will meet quarterly in 2022 on the fourth Monday in January, April, July & October.

The house at 330 Maryland Street, located on the same block as the fire station and the EMS building, is listed for sale. If purchased by the Town, the house would be demolished, and the Town would own the entire block. Ron moved to adopt Resolution 2021-07. A resolution that is required by statute if a Town is interested in purchasing certain land. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Council members are authorized to proceed.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-24, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.30 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code to Correct a Clerical Error (missing second page) on the Application for New Electric Service Connection at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried. 3-0.

Sicard stated the AIM dues for 2022 will be \$2,134.00, an increase of 3% over 2021.

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

Bohnenkemper requested 6:45 PM at the January 18, 2022 Council Meeting be reserved for a potential rezoning ordinance.

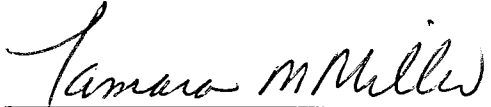
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	January 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday Canceled	December 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	December 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	December 20, 2021 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	January 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

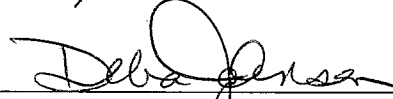
ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer









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November Police Report

Assisted with traffic at the Christkindlmarkt. Conducted High School Law Enforcement Class and assisted with November Elementary Walk to School. Completed our Pre-Basic. Did EVO and Firearms Training. Nothing else to report. I will not be at the meeting, but Brian will be there.

Lloyd O. Froman
Chief Ferdinand P.D.

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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

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report November 2021 	
Miles Driven	276		
Total Gallons	5063		
Average MPG	394.9		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	5	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	1	Parking Violation	6
Assist Other Agency	36	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	1
Battery/ Assault	3	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	1	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	1
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	21
Civil Matter /Dispute	1	State Dispatch	20
Citizen Assist	0	Scam	0
Debris in Roadway	1	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	5	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	4
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	3	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	3
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	6
Domestic Problem	0	Traffic Control	20
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	51
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	4
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	1
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	2
Fire	4	Vehicle Accident	11
General Information	26	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	3
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	11
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	0
Investigation	7	Weather Related Problems	2
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	8
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	4
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrible/Runaway	0		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	1		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Rob	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Rayce	Kyle	Adam	Jay	Kolton				Total
Mental Subject							1								1
Missing Person Adult/Child															0
Parking Violation		2		1							3				6
Property Lost/Found/Recovered							1								1
Protective/Restraining Order															0
Prowler															0
Report To Station							1								1
Return Messages	6	6	1	2	1	1	4								21
State Dispatch	1	4	3	2		6	4								20
Scam															0
School Check															0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person		1	2		1										4
Suspicious Person/Vehicle				1	1	1									3
Theft	1		1	3	1										6
Traffic Control		6	1	3			7	1		1	1				20
Traffic Warnings	1	4	1	7		3	32				3				51
Traffic Citations			3	1											4
Trespassing	1														1
Threats/ Intimidation															0
Vandalism						1	1								2
Vehicle Accident	2	3		2	1	1	2								11
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene															0
Vehicle Check				2			1								3
Vehicle Lock Out	2	1	1	1		2	4								11
Warrant															0
Weather Related Problems				2											2
Welfare Check	1	3	1	2			1								8
911 False Calls		1	1	1		1									4
															0
Total Calls	27	48	26	44	12	26	81	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	276
Miles Driven	497	360	675	174	514	1389	861	593							5063
Total Gallons	42.6	42.5	76.9	15.3	25	90	57.3	45.3							394.9
Average MPG	11.6667	8.4706	8.7776	11.37	20.56	15.43333	15.02618	13.09051	#VALUE!	#VALUE!					12.82



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31
Ferdinand, IN 47532

2021 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	7	4		11
FEBRUARY	10	11		21
MARCH	5	7		12
APRIL	5	12		17
MAY	9	14		23
JUNE	7	10		17
JULY	8	18		26
AUGUST	7	12		19
SEPTEMBER	4	4		8
OCTOBER	3	11		14
NOVEMBER	7	12		19
DECEMBER				

Needing the approval of hiring, upon drug screening, two applicants. Kisiah Shepherd and Dustin Shepherd. Both are paramedics and Firefighter I&II. They would be officially on January 1st.

Luke Wehr from Seuferts said that the material for station 2 should hit around 2-3 weeks. Keith is checking on the time table for the door for fire truck.

Ryan Berg, after 25 years of service, will be retiring from the department. He started the Junior Firefighter program and is one of our Captains, to say he will be missed is an understatement.

Electric Department Report

December 14, 2021

- No unplanned outages
- Main Street lighting between 18th and 23rd Streets
- Pole changeouts
- line relocation for Hidden Meadows subdivision complete



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Departmental Reports:

Curb side leaf pick is in the peak time. We are picking up two or two and a half days each week just to make one complete round. This will continue until further notice. A reminder to residents to have leaves pushed as close to curbside as possible, to reduce extra raking and make pick-up easier, and to do so as early in the week as they can. Crews will not be doubling back for pick-ups, as this slows the overall collection process.

We received 1/2 of our road salt we have under contract for the 2021 winter season
I received my ERC recertification for 2022.

We will be checking all snow and ice removal equipment and setting up a couple pieces for the season.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Working on ADA waiting on project drawings this is because Universal Design is working on our CCMG first.

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Water Department;

All testing on Kerstein's project has been completed and passed

Check on water leak on East 14th Street

Finished all water tap switch overs at Kerstein's project

Dead end old water main on West 17th Street

Repair Fire Hydrant at Bob Liquor and Bait, Someone hit the hydrant and broke it off the base. Don't know who did it. Police were called.

Wastewater Department;

Repair LS 2A, Starter problems repaired

Repair sewer at Holiday Foods

Repair Road cuts and Blacktop

Roger Schaefer
Water/Wastewater Superintendent



PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

December 2021

General Park Report

- The park board has rescheduled their December meeting to December 20, 2021.
- Lisa Gehlhausen will also be assisting with implementing the County's Master Plan which is updated every 5 years. The plan is due to be updated for 2022 – 2026. The draft plan is due to IDNR by January 15, 2022 with final IDNR approval in the spring. This Master Plan—paid for by the county—allows for boards to be eligible for certain state grants. During the December meeting, the park will decide what to include on the Master Plan for the next 5 years.
- As noted last month, the board is marking a number of trees that pose safety hazards and/or were affected by the emerald ash bore for removal. The board will be moving forward and responsibly remove several troublesome trees this winter once the foliage has fallen. Additionally, several spots of invasive species plants were identified and the park will investigate how to address.

Old Town Lake

- We are awaiting the water levels to raise to finish construction of the floating kayak dock. The parts have arrived.
- The entrance signage project—being constructed by Eagle Scout candidate Miles Welp—has started and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

Matthew Weyer
December 12, 2021



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR DECEMBER 14, 2021 MEETING

1 – The purchase of 4 new AED units has been finalized through the AED Superstore. Price is just under \$6000, with \$4800 coming from an I-Pep Safety Grant which we were awarded late last year. These are the same devices Memorial Hospital purchases. One will be installed at Town Hall, a second will be permanently placed at the Police Department, while the other two will be located at the youth soccer and football facilities near 5th Street Park. I am coordinating with Memorial Hospital to set up initial training on how to use the devices.

2 – I spoke to members of the Webelo's II, part of Boy Scout Troop 186 Thursday evening December 9 during their regular meeting. One requirement of advancing to an older scout troop is to discuss Town related issues. The kids had some really good questions prepared and I tried to give them a quick overview on how the Town operates and what a Town Manager does. It was a lot of fun and I look forward to future sessions with other scout packs!!

3 – We recently concluded another very successful Dubois County Leadership Academy and preparations for the 2022 session will soon begin. The plan is to return to our traditional schedule, which runs from April to early August. We have operated with a modified calendar the past two years due to COVID, but I am happy to report we went forward both years with no cancellations.

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4 – I have updated our employee listing for random drug screening going into 2022. There have been occasions when retired or former summer employee names were drawn for the tests and I had to go to alternate names. The list is now as current and up to date as possible, for DOT and Non-DOT employees.

5 – The Town Christmas tree is up and lit at Town Hall, which has drawn many positive comments from the public. Thanks to the Street and Electric Departments for their efforts in raising the tree and getting the lighting installed and working! Merry Christmas to everyone!!!

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