

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

December 15, 2020

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, in the Ferdinand Community Center. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Fire Chief John Hoppenjans requested the hiring of one new firefighter, Sabrina Becher, beginning January 1, 2021. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Jared Oser is retiring from the Fire Department after 9 years of service and Pat Jochem after 23 years of service. The Council thanked them for their service and dedication to the Town.

Sicard stated the Electric Department requested permission to advertise for the hiring of a journeyman lineman and proceed with interviews. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. James, Fischer and Becher will conduct the interviews.

The Park shelter houses will continue to be sanitized daily through year-end. The Old Town Lake will be lowered in order to install the fishing pier and the kayak launch in the upcoming months.

Sicard stated the Town received an IPEP Safety Grant for \$4,800 with a Town match of \$1,200 for the purchase of four automatic external defibrillators. Memorial Hospital has donated three AED's to the police department.

Sicard stated the Town was not awarded a Community Crossing Matching Grant from the 2020 Round 2 application. The Town will submit an application in 2021 Round 1.

Sicard stated the Town is offering three medical insurance options, one HSA and two PPO's. The Council has reviewed the rate schedule previously distributed. Debbie moved to approve the 2021 health insurance employee rates as presented. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Packets will be distributed to employees this week.

The exterior renovation of the Town Hall is underway and going as planned.

Sicard recommended the Council appoint Andy Rohleder to another four-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Natalie Howard to a four-year term on the Park Board. Ron moved to

approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Steve Grundhoefer will be retiring from the Planning Commission. Sicard has recommended to the Dubois County Commissioners that Ryan Becher serve on the Planning Commission. 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.

Sicard moved to approve the 2021 Water, Electric and Sewer budgets as previously distributed by Miller. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the Town will continue to follow the State's Emergency Order and the Dubois County Department's guidelines. Ken recommended the extension of the current Emergency Order until the next Council meeting. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve the change of the start time of Council meetings to 6:30 PM beginning January 2021. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The meetings will continue to be held at the Ferdinand Community Center January – April, 2021.

Ron moved to approve Ordinance 2020-18, An Ordinance Adopting Employee Handbook to be Codified as the Replacement Chapter 3.25, Personnel Policy, of the Municipal Code of The Town of Ferdinand at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Fire Protection Contract with Ferdinand Township was approved for \$39,000 on a motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Also, in motion, Sicard and Miller to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-0. The contract is to be paid in two installments: \$19,500 payable on June 30, 2021, and \$19,500 on December 30, 2021.

The Use of Municipal Public Parks Contract with the Ferdinand Township was approved for \$29,000 on a motion from Debbie and seconded by Ron. Also, in motion, Sicard and Miller to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-0. The contract will be paid in two installments: \$14,500 on June 30, 2021 and \$14,500 on December 30, 2021.

All Council members have submitted their required nepotism forms to the Clerk-Treasurer.

Ron moved to allow Sicard and Miller to sign a Stormwater Drainage agreement with Grundhoefer Forensic Engineering, LLC for a fee of \$649.50 per quarter and an additional \$65 per hour for additional work therewith. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-19, An Ordinance Adopting the Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan for the Town of Ferdinand at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-20, An Ordinance Authorizing Investment of Town

Funds with Certain Approved Depositories at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-21, 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. Sicard stated effective January 1, 2021, Todd Fischer will become the supervisor of the electric department. Steve Becher, the current supervisor, will become a journeyman lineman. Effective December 18, 2020 the following police officers were promoted: Brian Seffernick-Major, Rob Randle-Captain, Eric Hopkins-Lieutenant, Christian Gogel-Sergeant and Tom Merkley-Sergeant.

At 8:15 PM, Sicard stated the petitioner requested the Tax Abatement hearing be postponed. Debbie moved to postpone the hearing to January 19, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The following announcements were read:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

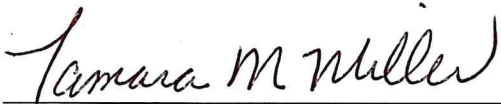
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	January 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	January 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	January 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	January 13, 2021 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	January 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Sicard, on behalf of the Council, thanked all of the employees and volunteers for their service to the Town.

Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

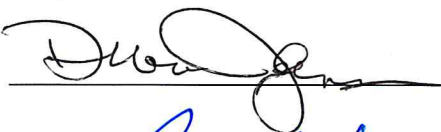
ATTEST:


FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer







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 February 2016 	
Miles Driven	3955		
Total Gallons	382.6		
Average MPG	10.33717		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	3	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	3	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	14	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	0
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	25
Civil Matter /Dispute	2	State Dispatch	12
Citizen Assist	3	Scam	0
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	4	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	4
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	4
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	3	Traffic Control	11
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	29
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	14
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	0
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	0
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	12
General Information	25	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	5	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	4
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	0
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	1		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	0		
Mental Subject	0		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Ted	Rob	Eric	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Kyle	Seth	Jay	Adam	Total
Mental Subject													0
Missing Person Adult/Child													0
Parking Violation													0
Property Lost/Found/Recovered													0
Protective/Restraining Order													0
Prowler													0
Report To Station													0
Return Messages	6	4		2	7	4	2						25
State Dispatch	4	4		2			2						12
Scam													0
School Check													0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person	1	1		1		1							4
Suspicious Person/Vehicle		1		1		2							4
Theft			1										1
Traffic Control		9	1								1		11
Traffic Warnings		1		8	6	13	1						29
Traffic Citations				7	1	3	3						14
Trespassing													0
Threats/ Intimidation													0
Vandalism													0
Vehicle Accident		4		3	3	2							12
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene													0
Vehicle Check		1		1	1								3
Vehicle Lock Out		5	1	1	2								9
Warrant													0
Weather Related Problems													0
Welfare Check	1	2			1								4
911 False Calls													0
Total Calls	26	47	6	34	34	33	15	0	0	0	0	0	196
Miles Driven	295	400	60	614	666	1048	738	134					3955
Total Gallons	17.5	32	8.1	88	56.8	108.5	71.7	0					382.6
Average MPG	16.8571	12.5	7.4074	6.977	11.7254	9.658986	10.29289	#DIV/0!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!			10.34



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	10	12		22
SEPTEMBER	12	9		21
OCTOBER	10	9		19
NOVEMBER	3	8		11
DECEMBER				

Want to ask for approval to hire Sabrenia Becher pending drug test to start Jan. 01/21.

We completed testing of ground ladders and Ladder truck 12/9. There are some minor issues with the ladder truck. We will get them fixed soon.

Lastly I want to recognize Jared Oser (9 years) and Pat Jochem (23 years) for their years of dedication and commitment to their community. Their experience and enthusiasm in the fire service will be missed. Their last day will be 12/31/2020 as they will officially retire.



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Town Council Meeting

December 14, 2020

Departmental Report

Last week we ended our curb side leaf pick-up for the season.

We did some street sweeping and started with storm inlet cleaning.

We are working on cleaning out our limb and yard waste site for the winter.

Preparing for snow and ice we set up to vehicles with salt spreaders and plows. We are servicing and running all others for the winter season.

Kendra and I both received our ERC recertification for 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Exterior Renovation it seems to be going fairly smooth and on schedule. Also roof decking and gutter boards were in good enough shape did not need to replace any that was good news.

NEW BUSINESS

ADA Transition Plan it is completed for the most part needs a little tweaking should be ready for approval at the next Town Council meeting.

Visit us for a day. Join us for a lifetime.

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SHARON BOHNENKEMPER, Attorney

RONALD WEYER, Member
CHRIS JAMES, Town Manager



Steve Becher/ Electric Superintendent

Town of Ferdinand Electric Department

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Electric Department Report for Dec. 15 meeting

Animal knocked out substation 4 replaced 3- 69,000 volt fuses and reenergized transformer and split some load to new substation 5 temporarily

Helped street dept. with leaves and trash pick up for 2 weeks

Sent 2500 kva transformer to Solomon to be analyzed for repair.
Sent 23 removed pole mount transformers to be recycled

Installed conduit and transformer bases at old nursing home project

Started line clearance tree trimming

Removed danger trees on 8th st and 9th st



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December 9, 2020

Town Council Meeting

Water;

Install 2 water services at East 6th Street Duplex

Meet with Engineers for proposed Church building site and Sub-Division

Extending 8" water main south of Town due to road entrance concreted, getting water main extended past concrete for future service. Cost to be paid by owners. Chris has cost and map

Had some Hydrants tested found some in need of repairs

Wastewater;

Repaired headworks pump number 3

Having Trucks serviced for winter and Crane Truck was having electrical problems but has been repaired

On line training

Install sewer at East 6th Street

Pump repair at Lift Station 2A

Sewer Tap replaced at Universal Design Building and prep for their new expansion



PARKS TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

December Report

General Park Report

- The park board met on December 9, 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. Additionally, any shelter house reservations need to comply with the state's restrictions as well.
- The park department has been working on several items including diagnosing a potential water leak near the MBCI Football field. There is some additional work necessary in diagnosing the cause. Tom may have more information.

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. As we begin to winterize the park in the coming months, cleaning service and sanitization can be minimized to only those facilities that remain open. The two restrooms at 18th Street park and the one at 5th street park will remain open. Additionally, we will keep the portlets out at the Old Town Lake for the time being. This will continue until the end of the year. Discussion will need to determine how we proceed in 2021.

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 board elected to proceed with construction with the fishing pier and kayak launch due to monetary donations received for those two features. Construction will begin this winter and will require the lake water level to be reduced temporarily. Beginning around January 1, 2021, the lake will be lowered to accommodate this. We hope to have the two features complete by late winter / early spring 2021. We anticipate that the park can remain open during this construction.

Matthew Weyer
December 13, 2020



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR DECEMBER 15, 2020 MEETING

1 – I am happy to report the Town recently received a \$4800 grant through the I-Pep Safety Grant program. Coupled with a \$1200 contribution by the Town, we now have \$6000 to purchase a total of 4 AED devices. Proposed locations for these devices include Ferdinand Town Hall, the youth soccer and football fields just west of 5th Street Park and the Ferdinand Police Department. Depending on final pricing, it is possible another unit could be purchased. On a related note, Police Chief Froman informed me that Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center is donating 3 AED units to the Department in early 2021. Dayshift officers will have a dedicated device, as will the nightshift. The third unit would most likely stay on station.

2 – Preparations for the 2021 Ferdinand Folk Festival are underway. In the coming weeks, our committee will be gathering to select potential performers for our 11th annual event, with official announcements to take place in the spring. It is our goal to bring back the Folk Fest, following a one-year COVID hiatus, and start our second decade of benefiting and supporting music, environment and art. Mark your calendars for September 18, 2021!

3 – A little more good news from one of our DCLA teams. Team Teacher Pack was recently awarded a \$5050 grant from the Dubois County Community Foundation to go toward the purchase of materials for teachers at several Elementary Schools throughout Dubois County. Many of the supplies have been obtained and the team is working to put the items together before making their deliveries.

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