

**TOWN OF FERDINAND**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**December 20, 2017**

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a special meeting at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard and Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members, and Clerk-Treasurer, Beverly Schulthise. Any claims that are required to be paid should be paid by end of year and approved at January 2018 meeting. Lloyd Froman, Police Chief, said he had two reserves he wanted hired for the police officer openings. They are Beau Anderson and Tom Merkley. They have been reserves for four year. Ron made motion and Debbie seconded to hire both officers at a pay rate per hour of \$16.50 and upon completion of Academy raise their rate to \$18.50 an hour. The academy is at Evansville, IN and we will need to furnish all ammunition. However we don't have to pay the \$500 per officer Plainfield charges. It is called Southwest IN Law Enforcement Academy. They will be going in February to mid-July Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to promote Officer Hopkins to Sergeant. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Lloyd presented the Council with updated suggestions about solutions he had learned about recruiting and retention.

Ordinance 2017-19, an ordinance establishing salaries, compensation and wages for elected officials, appointees and employees of the Town of Ferdinand, Indiana was adopted at meeting introduces on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. This was the new salary ordinance which reflects a 4-6% increase for employees. The Town Manager asked for a new computer which will cost \$1641.00 and will be purchased from Eck-Mundy. Debbie made a motion to pay and Ron seconded and to encumber the amount for next year's budget. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The local road and street agreement with INDOT was signed on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The performance Bond with Triology for utilities were approved and Bev and Ken to sign on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The amount of bond is \$130,236.60.

Regular claims were approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Claims paid for \$143,732.43. Being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

