

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
December 20, 2022

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller. Also in attendance were Forest Park High School students: Diana Valadez, Theresa Allen, Lily Litkenhus, Juan Gomez, Jayden Wesselman, Suemes Smith, Jackson Smith and Jeron Wiseman.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the November 22, 2022 Council Meeting and the November 30, 2022 Special 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 that Officer Jones secured a grant for four portable breath tests saving the department about \$1,900.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, reported Grant Weyer (20 years of service) and Justin Weyer (16 years of service) are retiring at the end of the year. Grant Kippenbrock will replace Matt Reckelhoff as Deputy Fire Chief. The Council thanked the retiring firefighters for their service to the community.

Lueken stated the last curbside leaf pick-up will be December 21, 2022.

Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, requested approval of a quote of \$8,425 from National Water for the non-potable pump removal, inspection and installation. The repair is an additional cost. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Brinkman is working with John Wetzel with Midwestern Engineers on the non-potable water permit renewal.

Debbie gave a recap of the Community Christmas and thanked the Ferdinand Elementary Choir and the Pine Ridge Elementary Choir who provided the entertainment. The event was a success and was very well attended. Planning has begun for next year's event and thanked everyone who donated and helped with the event.

Approve 2023 ADA Transition Plan was moved to the January 2023 meeting.

Applications are being accepted through December 30th for the open position in the Water/Wastewater department.

Sicard is going to contact a prospect to fill the vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for the remainder of Matt Widolff's term ending 12/31/2023. Sicard is waiting to hear back from someone for the Economic Development Commission (EDC) open position to fill the remainder of Roger Corley's term. Sicard moved to approve Michael Cummings to serve another four-year term on the EDC, Matt Weyer to serve another 4 year-term on the Park Board, Don Foerster and Duane Lorey to serve another four-year term on the Plan Commission, Don Foerster and Don Farina to serve a four-year term on the BZA. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Council thanked all of those who chose to serve on Town Boards.

Miller gave an update on the outstanding utility accounts receivables and stated she is enrolling the Town in the TRECS program to help collect outstanding balances.

The MVH Appropriation Transfer agenda item was moved to January 2023.

The awards for CCMG 2022-02 were announced on December 6th and the Town was awarded \$449,891 (75% of the Cost Estimate) for three projects:

- 1) Culvert Replacement-Vienna Drive from 21st Street to East 22nd Street – Small Structure Replacement
- 2) 13th Street from Main Street to Maryland Street – Pavement Replacement
- 3) 22nd Street from Maple to Vienna & Maryland Street from 3rd Street to 4th Street – HMA Overlay Minor Structural

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-43, an Ordinance authorizing Ken Sicard, Town Council President, to sign the INDOT LPA Contracts and CCMG Agreements, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Council scheduled a Special Town Council Meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM to open bids for the CCMG 2022-02 Road Projects.

2023-01 CCMG – Lueken will put together a list of roads to repave for this round and work with Universal to put together cost estimates. Ron moved to approve Sicard to sign a financial commitment letter from the Town of Ferdinand for up to \$100,000 for CCMG matching funds. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The UTV ordinance will be considered at the January 2023 meeting.

James will get with Sicard to implement a cyber security plan using the IOT (Indiana Office of Technology) guidance.

At 7:00 PM, a public hearing for Ordinance 2022-42, An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Use of Services Rendered by the Municipal Water Utility of the Town of

Ferdinand, was held. Sicard asked if anyone present was here to discuss the proposed rate increase. Having no response, Debbie moved to close the hearing. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-42, An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Use of Services Rendered by the Municipal Water Utility of the Town of Ferdinand. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Renovation plans from Universal Design for the Attorney & EMS Building at 202 East 3rd Street are being reviewed. Lueken will gather costs associated with the proposed renovation. It was decided to place a standalone sign at the 202 East 3rd Street building. Lueken will follow up with the sign company.

James received a draft of the employee handbook from New Focus. He and Bohnenkemper will review the draft and after confirming the updates have been made, the updated handbook will be provided to Council for approval before distributing to Town employees.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-44, An Ordinance Authorizing Investment of Town Funds with Certain Approved Depositories at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-45, An Ordinance Adopting the Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan for the Town of Ferdinand at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Resolution 2022-10, increasing the purchase authorization of department heads and the town manager. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-46, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 04-05, The Drug and Alcohol Substance Abuse Policy of the Town of Ferdinand to Designate a Back Up Designated Employee Representative (DER) at the meeting it was introduced. Sicard recommended Kerri Blessinger, Police Chief, be named as the backup DER after the retirement of Steve Lechner and after receiving appropriate training. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-47, 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.

Ron moved to allow Sicard and Miller to sign a Stormwater Drainage agreement with Grundhoefer Forensic Engineering, LLC for a fee of \$750 per quarter and an additional \$70 per hour for additional work therewith. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

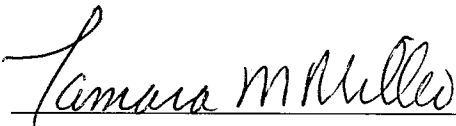
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	January 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Special Town Council Meeting	Thursday	March 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	December 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	December 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM-Cancelled
Park Board	Wednesday	January 11, 2023 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	January 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Debbie thanked everyone who contributed to the Christmas decoration fundraising effort. Sicard thanked everyone for a good year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.


As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

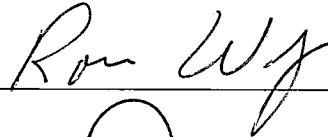
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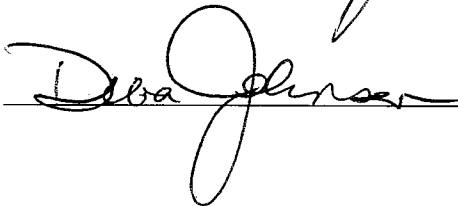


Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL







Ferdinand Est. 1905

Police Department



243 West 10th Street Ferdinand, Indiana 47532

Phone: 812-367-1806 / Fax: 812-998-2094

Chief of Police: Kerri Blessinger

Assistant Chief: Christian Gogel

1. Captain Rob Randle completed his training and is now certified as a Glock Armor. Officer Clouse completed his Tactical Medicine Training as well. Both parties reported that the training was very informative and I plan on integrating the training with future training sessions during 2023.
2. The Ferdinand Police Department hosted the SILETC (Southern Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council) training day on December 14, 2022. This allowed our officers and officers from over 6 other agencies to complete training on a variety of subjects. Rob Randle and I taught the class subjects which allowed us to gain hours on the mandated training hour requirement to keep our current certification as Instructors.
3. I also recently had the Ferdinand Police Department members complete a 7.5 hour on-line training. Although most of our officers had previously completed the state mandated training hours, it was a cost-effective method to ensure and reiterate the importance of de-escalation techniques, response to infant deaths, elderly abuse, firearm information, physical tactics, and road safety.
4. The Ferdinand Police Department has completed an inspection of officers and city take-home vehicles. This includes the Officers' gear, uniform, vehicle maintenance, issued equipment, and documentation of weapons. I have also replaced and/or added several items that were needed. This inspection ensures that the Officers have the needed gear and equipment to perform their job duties as well as an accurate inventory of current equipment and functionality.
5. Officer Rayce Jones recently applied for and obtained a grant from the Dubois County Substance Abuse Council. The \$1,916.00 was utilized to purchase portable breath testers. The portable breath testers, 4 in total, were received on 12-15-22 and will be issued to Officers after being inventoried.

I will also be issuing an Officer Accommodation Letter for Officer Jones' hard work and dedication to the Ferdinand Police Department. Officer Jones took on the task and handled it wonderfully.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Blessinger, Chief of Police

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Total Calls For Service		207	
		Calls For Service Report	
		November 2022	
			
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	1	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	1	Parking Violation	1
Assist Other Agency	23	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	1
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	2
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	41
Civil Matter /Dispute	1	State Dispatch	27
Citizen Assist	4	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	2	Security Check	1
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	5	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	1
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	3
Drug Complaint	2	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	2	Traffic Control	2
Escort	6	Traffic Warnings	35
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	8
Extra Patrol	1	Trespassing	1
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	1
Fire	5	Vehicle Accident	10
General Information	15	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	3
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	2
Harassment	1	Vehicle Lock Out	8
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	2	Warrant	1
Investigation	4	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	1	Welfare Check	4
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	0
Intoxicated Person	4		
Juvenile Incurrible/Runaway	1		
Lines/ Poles Down	1		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	1		
Mental Subject	0		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Kerri	Brian	Rob	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Rayce	Kyle						Total
Mental Subject														0
Missing Person Adult/Child		1												1
Parking Violation				3			1							4
Property Lost/Found/Recovered					1									1
Protective/Restraining Order						1								1
Prowler														0
Report To Station														0
Return Messages		8		4			4							16
State Dispatch		4	3	9		5	6							27
Scam														0
School Check														0
Suicide/or a Suicidal person														0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle			2		2	2	1							7
Theft							3							3
Traffic Control							1							1
Traffic Warnings		1	4	20		7	1							33
Traffic Citations				2		3	1							6
Trespassing														0
Threats/ Intimidation														0
Vandalism														0
Vehicle Accident		1	3	3	3	1	3							14
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene														0
Vehicle Check		1		1										2
Vehicle Lock Out		1		2		3	3							9
Warrant		1												1
Weather Related Problems														0
Welfare Check				1	1									2
911 False Calls			1		1									2
														0
Total Calls	0	29	25	58	19	33	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	209
Miles Driven		295	675	1148	433	843	410							3804
Total Gallons		16	84.3	106.7	42.5	113	25.3							387.8
Average MPG	#VALUE!	18.438	8.0071	10.76	10.1882	7.460177	16.20553	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!				9.81



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	5	11		16
OCTOBER	10	19		29
NOVEMBER	8	14		22
DECEMBER				

Grant Weyer will be retiring at the end of the year with 20 years of service.

Justin Weyer will be retiring at the end of the year with 16 years of service.

Electric Department Report

Dec. 20, 2022

- no unplanned outages
- Pole change outs east side of main street area
- Mitch CDL training complete on Dec. 22
 - Placed in the apprenticeship program
- Grid Resilience Grant application first quarter of 2023
 - Department of Energy grant for the upgrading and improvement of poles and conductors
 - Grant has multiple rounds of funding to increase our chance of getting assistance



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Town Council Meeting

December 20th, 2022

Completed our ADA projects we committed to for 2022.

Completed a drainage and curb and gutter project on Virginia street between 3rd and 4th.

We will end curb side leaf pick-up [today December 20th](#).

Have two pieces of equipment setup and ready to go in the event of wintry weather check out serviced and ran all others.

Adding stone along some road edges where new CCMG paving was done.

Were to receive half of our road salt Friday [December 16th](#). Due to trucking issues it should deliver [Tuesday](#) or [Wednesday](#) the 20th or 21st.

Still working on replacing faded street signs.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 2023 ADA Transaction plan at the [January 2023](#) meeting.

CCMG 2022-02 trying to work out dates and details.

CCMG 2023-01 not sure if we can get something planned out and submitted in this short window of time. But if we set a possible match amount, we could give it a try. If we can't hope there will be a 2023-02 and put it towards it.

CCMG update 2021-02 and 2022-01 are completed working on final billing before we can close it out.

CCMG 2022-02 update awarded projects were announced [December 6th](#) at 10 am.

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Water:

MRO's Filled with IDEM

Monthly Water Usage for November	
Total Gallons	6,548,000 gallons
Max. Day	459,000 gallons
Min. Day	173,000 gallons
Avg. Daily	218,267 gallons

Painting Fire hydrants, bonnets and barrels to match AWWA standards, and new Ferdinand Fire Hydrant Specs.

3rd St project on standby till warmer weather

Wastewater:

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

- Monthly plant flow for November was 6.613 million gallons
- 31% capacity
- Solids discharged 2.2 mg/l per day average
- 121,060 gallons of sludge hauled to drying beds
- 67,659 gallons returned to wastewater plant from drying beds
- 58.3 ton of dry sludge hauled to landfill

In a separate note,

Clint will take his Class II Wastewater exam on December 22nd, 2022 in Sellersburg

Kyle is waiting for his letter to take his Water Distribution Test

Scott has received one grant and one scholarship totaling in \$4500 for his schooling and apprentice program

- \$1000 Scholarship from Hawkins Water Treatment Group
- \$3500 government grant for training

Open Position:

Still accepting applications for the open position for the Water/Wastewater Tech till December 30th,2022

Ben Brinkman
 Water/Wastewater Superintendent



PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

December 2022

General Park Report

- The park board met on December 14th at the Ferdinand Town Hall.
- The new Kubota that was ordered in April is due to arrive this week.
- 5th Street Park
 - The door hardware for the softball building doors was approved.
 - The trees along the north-south service road at the MasterBrand Complex were all spotted with representatives from the soccer board and will be planted soon.
- Old Town Lake
 - The restroom and storage building is now complete and operational.

Matthew Weyer
December 18, 2022



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR DECEMBER 20, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

1 – Attended the Wednesday session of the AWWA conference in French Lick on December 7. There were sessions on Asset Management Plans, ways to unlock dollars offered through both the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and more details relating to Lead Service line replacement. This inventory must be done by October 16, 2024 and is on Ben’s radar.

2 – Attended the final 2022 Dubois Strong board meeting, serving as Ken’s proxy. Jamie Shinabarger was thanked for his two years of service as Board Chair. Nick Stevens begins his term in January. The guest speaker was Megan Durlauf, Director of Operations for the Dove Recovery House in Dubois County.

3 – Participated, along with Sharon, via Zoom, in the winter board meeting of IMPACT (Indiana Municipal Personnel Administrators for Cities and Towns). The presentations, hosted by I-PEP, covered issues related to Risk Management and Worker’s Compensation matters. There was some very good information provided, that will help with improving how the Town can offer trainings and other services.

4 – As we approach the new year, the board of the Dubois County Leadership Academy will be gathering in January to open up the application process for our 2023 class. This past year, our teams took on projects adding a specialty carousel at Jaycee Park in Jasper, assisting

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the Dove Recovery House with their opening and improvements to the Huntingburg Dog Park. I am very much looking forward to what projects our 2023 teams are going to come up with.

5 – The search for a new Town Manager vehicle is continuing. It is my hope to find something that will not exceed the value of the Jeep Compass through trade-in, plus the insurance settlement on the Taurus. Ideally, this will happen by the January meeting, as the longer I drive the Compass, the greater the impact on its trade value.

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