

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 2024

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 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.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2024, Council Meeting and the July 3, 2024, Special Meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, stated the Firemen's Ball will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at the Ferdinand Community Center with dinner starting at 5 PM and music starting at 7 PM.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, requested permission to allow Kerstiens to install the water main connection pipe for Royal Ridge because his department has been running with less than a full staff and has other projects in process. The cost is \$29,000 for running the water main to the meter at Royal Ridge. A Ferdinand utility employee will inspect the work and the Town will provide the pipe and materials. Ron moved to approve the request to reimburse Kerstiens for the \$29,000 labor cost. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Council agreed to allow Brinkman to seek bids for boring of approximately 1,500 feet under Northview Drive. Boring will save the cost of rock and sand needed if road cuts are avoided. The main replacement work must be done before the paving of Northview Drive scheduled to start on March 1, 2025.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, reported Jessica Condra with Region 15, helped the Park Board update the Ferdinand 5 Year Park Master Plan to include the splash pad and the amendment was approved by the DNR. Certain State and Federal Grants require a project to be listed on the Master Plan to be eligible for grants.

Miller has prepared the Oath of Office documents for the Redevelopment Commission members. At the June 16, 2024 Town Council Meeting, Sicard, Town Council President, appointed the Town Council: Ken Sicard, Debbie Johnson, and Ron Weyer to the Ferdinand Redevelopment Commission. The Town Council, appointed Dan Collignon, Tamara Miller, and Nathan Schuler,

(non-voting member) from the School Board, to the Ferdinand Redevelopment Commission. Sharon presented a resolution stating the members serve without compensation. Ron moved to approve Resolution 2024-06; the Ferdinand Redevelopment Commission members shall serve without compensation for acting as members of the Redevelopment Commission. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Miller will contact members and swear in the members.

Lueken reported the CCMG 2023-01 and CCMG 2023-02 are both nearing completion. CCMG 2024-01 road work will begin in March 2025. CCMG 2024-02 application is in process and Universal Design Associates is putting together detailed cost estimates.

Sicard stated he has an upcoming meeting with the Huntingburg and Jasper Mayors to talk about the Local Safety Tax Initiative.

Miller distributed the accounts receivable report to keep the Council informed.

Brinkman stated that the water customer survey second requests are being sent out by WTH.

Debbie stated there is nothing to report regarding the 2.0 READI Grant.

Johnson stated three comprehensive plan proposals were presented to the steering committee on June 19, 2024, at 6 PM at Town Hall. The committee chose TSW and Bohnenkemper has reviewed the contract. Ron moved to allow Sicard to sign the contract with TSW for the comprehensive plan. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

EV Charger Hold Harmless Agreement has not been returned.

Bohnenkemper reported the DCLA will meet again in July and graduation is in August.

Lueken stated the MVH truck price with Uebelhor should be a little lower due to higher bid assistance for 2025 models.

Debbie moved to confirm that the Town will not opt out of the Kroger Opioid settlement. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard recommended the Town employ OSHA - Pros USA to conduct a Trenching/Excavation Competent Person Safety Training Class for Town employees on July 31, 2024, at the Ferdinand Community Center for \$3,500. Debbie moved to approve the training. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller requested the Council approve the 457 (b) plan amendment to section 18. Time and Method of Payment of Account to allow (b) Immediate - As soon as administratively practicable follow the Participant's Severance from Employment. Currently the plan states (c) As soon as

administratively practicable in the first plan year beginning after the participant's severance from employment. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Council recognized the three employees that completed 25 years of service for the Town as of July 31, 2024, Sharon Bohnenkemper, Angie Gerber, and Dan Lindauer, and thanked them for their service.

At 7 PM the two bids for the 2018 Taurus were opened. Liberty Fischer submitted a bid for \$4,000 and Linda James submitted a bid for \$5,000. The Council declined to accept the bids as both were below the reserve that was set (blue book value of the car). Miller will contact the bidders.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-10, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No 2023-26 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand adding Brian Hoffman; Water/Wastewater Laborer/Apprentice at \$24.00 per hour, 40 hours per week plus an additional \$0.50 per hour upon obtaining CDL; \$25.12 per hour after the first 1,000 hours completed; \$25.73 per hour after the next 1,000 hours completed; \$26.34 per hour after the next 1,000 hours completed; and \$26.96 after successfully obtaining an Operator's License; plus 2 hour minimum at straight time for weekend lab testing, at the meeting it was introduced. This amendment is effective July 16, 2024 and puts the wage rate in sync with the apprentice contract. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Bohnenkemper, the Title VI Coordinator's request to attend the ADA / Title VI Training Free Workshop offered by INDOT in Indianapolis along with Tom Lueken, ADA Coordinator, Mike Tobin and Eric Rahman on August 1, 2024, with transportation and lunch. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve special claims from OSHA – Pros USA for \$3,500 and Counsilman-Hunsaker for \$5,312.50. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to pay regular claims. Ron seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	August 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	July 24, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	July 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	August 14, 2024 at 4:30 PM
Park Board-Budget Review at YMCA	Wednesday	July 17, 2024 at Noon
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	July 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Town Council Budget Meeting
Town Council Budget Hearing
Town Council Budget Adoption


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July 30, 2024 at 6:00 AM
August 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM
September 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM


As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

ATTEST:

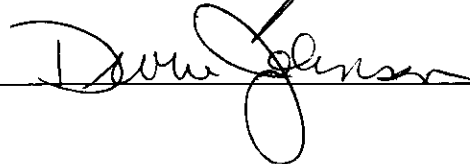
FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer







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



The month of June was busy for the Ferdinand Police Department. Sgt. Tom Merkley resigned, and his last day was June 5th. We wish him well with his new endeavors outside of law enforcement.

With his departure, we are currently in the process of hiring two officers. This is quite the process and with hope is to present the newest members to the Board in August.

We recently met with the Sisters of St. Benedict to discuss active shooter response. This was a very productive meeting outlining policies and procedures should such an incident occur. As always, we look forward to our continuing working relationship.

The department is currently in the testing phases of radios. We have the second set arriving this month and hope to decide on the next course of action regarding upgrades. This is a very tedious process due to the cellular and radio issues regarding the geographical location of Ferdinand.

On June 17th, the Ferdinand Police Department met with the officials of ICJI (Indiana Criminal Justice Institute) for a grant audit. The JAG funding that we received for our body worn cameras as well as other state grants received require periodic auditing to ensure proper use of state funds. We were very pleased to find that we passed the requirements and that they were happy with our work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Blessinger, Chief of Police

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Assistant Chief: Christian Gogel



Calls For Service Report June 2024

Total Calls For Service	256	Calls For Service Report June 2024	
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	4	Missing Person Adult/Child	
Animal Complaint	4	Parking Violation	
Assist Other Agency	13	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)		Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	18
Civil Matter /Dispute	2	State Dispatch	8
Citizen Assist	6	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	1	Security Check	73
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	1	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	4
Drug Complaint	1	Theft	3
Domestic Problem		Traffic Control	1
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	8
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	5
Extra Patrol	39	Trespassing	
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	1
Finger Printing		Vandalism	
Fire		Vehicle Accident	6
General Information	8	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	
Gun Permit		Vehicle Check	8
Harassment			
Hazardous/ Not Chemical		Warrant	
Investigation		Weather Related Problems	
Identity Theft		Welfare Check	9
Illegal Dumping		911 false calls	7
Intoxicated Person	1	Pursuit	
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	1		
Lines/ Poles Down			
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	1		
Mental Subject			



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31

Ferdinand, IN 47532

2024 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	3	11		14
FEBRUARY	7	17		24
MARCH	3	14		17
APRIL	6	7		13
MAY	4	9		13
JUNE	4	12		16
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

Our annual Firemens Ball is Saturday July 27th, at the Ferdinand Community Center, with fried chicken dinners starting at 5 and music starting at 7.



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Electric Department Report

July 16, 2024

- 3 unplanned outages
- 6.20 cause unknown 12 customers 30 min
- 6.25 storm damage (tree limb on line) 26 customers 1 hour
- 7.3 storm (lightning) 2 customers 1 hour
- pole change outs east of main st
- 4kv conversion prep work west of main st

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Department Reports:

Working on trimming trees limbs out from stop signs that are blocking the sign

Replaced some more faded street name signs

Working with a couple residents to clear trees and other vegetation blocking site at intersections

Did mowing of right of ways and retention ponds along with weed control

Hauled limbs and yard waste another month of heavy drop off

Working with a drainage issue and together with several home owners in Whipoorwill sub division trying to come up with a plan to make something work

Painted the curb yellow on the south side of intersection of east 5th and Main again trying to stop parking to close to the intersection

Repainted the handicap symbol and parking lot striping at the police department

Working on a agreement with a property owner on the south side of west third street between Alabama and Georgia to reshape the bank of the right of way and needing to get on his property to make it where he could mow it easier and safer

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Water:

MROs filed with IDEM

Georgia street main-

All Services are connected to the new main, waiting on contractor to move one service connection to the new meter pit.

Dirt work is waiting on some dry weather to level and till dirt

Fire Hydrant behind St Ferdinand Church was able to be put back into up right position and needed a rebuild of the above ground barrel with new paint.

Finishing up Water Audits for submission to IFA and IDEM by August 1st

Supplies for Royale Ridge arrived this week

June usage:

Monthly Water Treatment	
Total Gallons	7,135,000.00
Max. Day	273,000.00
Min. Day	178,000.00
Avg. Daily	237833.3333

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Wastewater:

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

Solids discharged 2.1 mg/l per day average
Phosphorus levels of .9 mg/l out of a limit of 1 mg/l average

MONTHLY REMOVAL SUMMARY					Total Monthly Flow: (million gallons) 7.456
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			
Secondary Treatment	NA	NA			Percent Capacity
Tertiary Treatment	NA	NA			(actual flow/desig 36%)
Overall Treatment	99.7	99.4	99.9	88.2	
Phosphorus limit would be 1 mg/l. (compliance achieved)					

All reports have been filled with IDEM

Education:

Kyle and Austin are Starting their 3rd semester of the Alliances Wastewater Apprenticeship as of July 25th

Clint Meyer is starting his 3rd semester of the Alliances Drinking Water Apprenticeship as of July 25th

Brian Hoffman is starting his 1st semester of the Alliance's Drinking water Apprenticeship as of July 8th



Ben Brinkman
Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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July 16th 2024 Meeting Kim Fischer - Marketing

Working with (VIV) website. Gathering information from department heads, the interactive map as well as each page specifically – gathering film footage – bi weekly zooms.

Meeting Folk Fest Committee on banners as well as billboards.

Main Street Program - Liaison between the town and this new program –
Public Relation Meetings – Facebook page, designing logo, development of website- agendas as well as event planning for October.

Officer Meetings – Meeting with Main Street Heads-Jill Hahn this month – working on surveys as well as direction and budget.

Working with both Billboard companies on our new billboards for the Folk Fest.

Continue to work with Ferdinand Merchants monthly- planning an event in October and working and helping with responsibilities of that event.

Working with Merchants on Annual Community Banquet – assisting with Leadership awards- planning and prepping for that evening.

Meetings with Visit Dubois County as part of their board of directors -
Will be working with them in the marketing of the upcoming Folk Fest

Still on hold with Homestead Pizza (new owners) and Frick Concrete - they are all on board but coming up with dates that will work for them as they are working on improvements to their buildings.

Debbie is working on Cascade Restaurant.

Social media posts & monitoring of our special guest behind the video at town hall.

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**PARKS DEPARTMENT
TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

July 2024

General Park Report

- The park board met on July 10, 2024.
- The board welcomed Jessica Condra from Indiana Region 15 to discuss the idea of a town splash pad. Jessica presented the necessary documentation, and the board approved submitting it to the IN DNR for inclusion into the 5-year park master plan.
- The board discussed the 5th Street Park Master Plan and various ways to fundraise.
- The board is meeting on July 17th to discuss next year's budget requests.

Matthew Weyer
July 13, 2024