

TOWN OF FERDINAND  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 17, 2024

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 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. Forest Park students in attendance: Victoria Cummings, Bianca Hopf and Maddik Small.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2024, Town Council Meeting, Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Police Chief Robert Randle's request to attend the Indiana Police Chief's Conference in Indianapolis on January 28-30, 2025 for \$350, hotel, travel, and meals. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to approve Randle's request to send Officer Jones to Hostage Negotiations Phase 1 & 2 School in Evansville on February 3-7, 2025 for \$650, travel and meals. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Todd Fischer, Electric Superintendent, stated Ben Huckaba with Alpha Engineering our electric consultant, will meet here in January. Huckaba plans to send out the RFP in the first quarter of 2025 and meet with electric providers. Ron moved to approve the purchase of electric poles for \$23,468.43. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Fischer stated he will take delivery of the electric AMI meters budgeted for 2025 for \$53,280. Ron moved to approve Fischer's request to attend Meter Training with Brownstown Electric in Brownstown at no cost on January 30, 2025, meals, and transportation for Fischer and Leinenbach. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Lueken, Street Superintendent, stated the leaf pick-up will end this week.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, stated Clint Meyer passed his Water Distribution Medium Exam and Austin Ryan passed his Wastewater Class 2 Exam. Debbie moved to approve Brinkman's request to purchase 2 air conditioning units for the wastewater lab and the breakroom for \$2,673.98. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to approve Brinkman's request for Brinkman and Sicard to attend the Indiana Rural Water Alliance Leadership Summit in Indianapolis on January 29-30, 2025 for \$305 per person which includes the Summit and hotel room, travel and meals. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to declare as surplus the 2002 Ford F250 Pick-Up, salt spreader and snow

plow and approve the Notice of Sale that states the items will be sold as a package and sold as is. Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, January 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM and opened on January 21, 2025 at 7:15 PM. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, and Tom Lueken spoke about the park restroom vandalism. Matt and the Council thanked Natalie Howard for 10 years of service on the Park Board. Matt will provide names to the Council to fill the open Park Board position.

Sicard stated the Redevelopment Commission is active and met this evening.

Ken moved to appoint Robert Randle to be a member of the 911 Advisory Board. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to appoint Jenna Bieker Jones to a four-year term on the BZA. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The County has been informed that Ryan Becher is willing to serve another term on the Plan Commission.

CCMG 2024-01 - Bid Awarded 6/18/2024 C & R Construction

CCMG 2024-02 – Awarded \$776,949.30

Ron moved to approve the Universal Design Associates proposal for the CCMG 2025-01 application for crack sealing - application phase cost of \$10,000 and the bidding phase cost of \$6,000. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve the CCMG 2025-01 Financial Commitment Letter amount of up to \$75,000 and allow Sicard to sign the commitment letter prior to the January 17, 2025 meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Local Safety Tax Initiative – nothing new to report.

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

Brinkman stated 180 water surveys are still outstanding. His department is willing to help homeowners complete the survey.

Cyber Security Update – nothing new to report.

READI 2.0 Grant – nothing new to report.

Johnson stated TSW is currently working with business owners, educators and community leaders to get input for the comprehensive plan. The survey is available on the Town website.

Lueken stated the 2025 MVH Ton Truck is expected to be delivered prior to year end.

Bohnenkemper presented the Title VI plan for approval by the Council as the current plan expires December 31, 2024, and noted it will be updated annually going forward. Ron moved to approve Resolution 2024-11, A Resolution Approving Title VI Coordinator's Implementation Plan. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie stated Ferdinand Community Christmas held on December 2, 2024, went very well and had the largest turn out to date. Debbie thanked the FCC and Rhonda VanWinkle, the Iota Lambda Chapter of the Psi Iota Xi and all of the sponsors for their contributions to the event. Ken and Ron thanked Debbie for a job well done.

Universal Design Associates is working on the Preliminary Engineering for a sidewalk/trail from the High School property to the Old Town Lake. Nothing new to report.

Bohnenkemper will make the changes to the Street Lighting Agreement Modification 2024 with Dubois REC as requested by Dubois REC. If those changes are acceptable to the Council, she will forward the revised agreement to Dubois REC for execution.

Bohnenkemper stated that we will be receiving SS4A proposals from engineers and grant administrators in January 2025.

Ron moved to approve Resolution 2024-12; Police Vehicle Take Home Policy. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-20, an Ordinance Authorizing Investment of the Town Funds with Certain Approved Depositories, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-21, 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.

Bohnenkemper stated she received the westbound billboard contract from JR Promotions, LLC for \$5,135. Ron moved to authorize Bohnenkemper to sign the contract. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Town will cover the cost of the billboard contract for 2025.

On December 2, 2024, the Department of the Interior has notified the Town that the Ferdinand Historic District, roughly bounded by 1<sup>st</sup> Street on the south, Missouri Street on the west, 15<sup>th</sup> Street on the north, and Michigan Street on the east. Main Street includes extensions to the north and south, was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The official State and National Register certificates will be presented at the Indiana State Fair in August of 2025.

Bohnenkemper received a quote from Alvey Signs for \$998 for a sign and installation at 202 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Ron moved to approve the quote. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-22, 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.

Debbie moved to approve an amendment to the 457 (b) deferred compensation plan for the Town. For 2025, the Town will contribute 5% of normal wages to a full-time employee's retirement account and no match is required from the employee. Under the current plan, the Town will match an employee's contribution up to 3%. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller read a thank you from Tracy Weyer on behalf of the Christkindlmarkt Committee thanking the Town employees for their help with everything they do to help the Christkindlmarkt be a success every year.

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

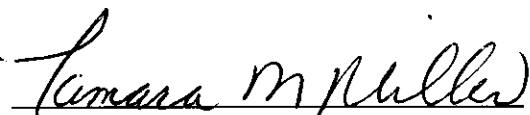
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Redevelopment Commission	Tuesday	January 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	January 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	December 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM Cancelled
Plan Commission	Wednesday	December 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee		
Park Board	Wednesday	January 8, 2025 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	January 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM

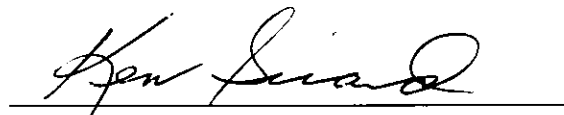
As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

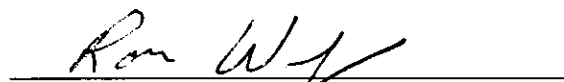
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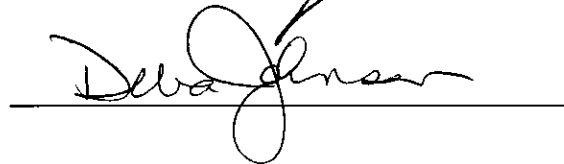
FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer







# Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

Phone: 812-482-9150 / Fax: 812-998-2094

Chief of Police: Rob Randle

Assistant Chief:



## November 2024 Calls For Service Report

Total Calls For Service	275		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	9	Missing Person Adult/Child	
Animal Complaint	6	Parking Violation	
Assist Other Agency	23	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)	1	Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	27
Civil Matter /Dispute		State Dispatch	8
Citizen Assist	1	Scam	
Debris in Roadway		Security Check	56
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	6	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person		Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6
Drug Complaint	1	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	3	Traffic Control	3
Escort		Traffic Warnings	7
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	2
Extra Patrol	78	Trespassing	
Fight	1	Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing	1	Vandalism	1
Fire		Vehicle Accident	9
General Information	11	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	
Gun Permit		Vehicle Check	3
Harassment			
Hazardous/ Not Chemical		Warrant	
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	
Identity Theft		Welfare Check	7
Illegal Dumping		911 false calls	5
Intoxicated Person	2	Pursuit	
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway			
Lines/ Poles Down	1		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate			
Mental Subject			

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Police Department



243 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street Ferdinand, Indiana 47532

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

Chief of Police: Robert H. Randle Assistant Chief:

November 2024 Monthly Report:

The Police attended a training at German American Bank. There the Officer's receive a tour of the freshly completed remodel building, with Beth showing us areas for our attention.

Completed backgrounds checks, voice stress testing, and psychological test for 4 applicants, that was presented to the council. All 4 will start in December.

While shorthanded the Police Department still fielded every call for service.

Police department with assistance of the Electric and Sewer departments set up for the christkindlemart all signs and road closures on Friday afternoon. Everything was taken down by Sunday Afternoon. The weekend went very well.

I will be asking the board to send Officer Rayce Jones to Hostage Negotiation school Phase 1 & 2 in Evansville, In. February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, for a cost of \$650.00 for the week. Need approval for use of the police car and meals, as he will be driving back and forth.

I will be asking to attend the Indiana Chiefs conference in Indianapolis, In. January 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> for \$350.00. Need approval for hotel room, use of car, and meals



## **FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.**

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

### **2024 Summary of Incidents**

	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>EMR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>22</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>				

**Our truck 800 radios have been installed that we received from the LEPC grant. We also received our hand held radios from the same grant.**

**We hosted the LEPC table top exercise for the county wide disaster drill.**

## Electric Department Report

Dec 17, 2024

- No unplanned outages
- Pole change outs west of Main St
  - 4 kv conversion prep on west side of Main St
- Purchased a new locator for less than was budgeted
  - Using some of the savings to purchase a hand held power quality meter for field trouble shooting.
- 811 rule change
  - Jan 1 we will have to send each locate requestor an email notification or phone call. We are setting up separate accounts (electric, water and wastewater, street) so the utilities can send individual messages so we can respond to the requests as needed.
- Purchase approvals needed
  - Budgeted for poles
  - Transformer for high school upgrade at baseball field has a long production lead time.
  - Transformers for two locations on scenic industrial drive that are currently platform settings and we are going to change them to pad mount and underground.
  - Allow for delivery the final release of the AMI meters that are being stored at the supplier.
- Meter training for Todd and Colin on Jan 30 at Brownstown Electric
  - Instrument rated meters
  - AMI
  - No cost just transportation and meal



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## **December 17, 2024**

### **Department Reports:**

Finished installing storm pipe in Whippoorwill sub division this project turn in to a very slow digging job after the underground utility lines were marked it was next to impossible to dig even after all were marked we still hit lines not being used rain every other day also didn't help. But thanks from the help of the electric department it got done.

Last month's report I said the limb and yard waste drop off site was getting rather full we were able get caught up with removal.

The week of December 17<sup>th</sup> we will be ending our curb side leaf pick up.

When we are done with curb side leaf pickup we will clean out curbs and inlets.

We did get all our snow and ice equipment in good working condition. We have one truck and the toolcat set up ready to go right away we will set others when winter weather is forecasted this allows us to use trucks for other daily projects.

Have an underground line locate in for the installation of guard rail on Scenic Hills Dr. near Holy Creek we are hoping to install shortly.

I would like to request the Town Council to declare surplus so we could advertise for bids on the following equipment our 1999 Ford F250 4x4 pickup being replaced by a 2025 one ton 4x4 truck, a Meyer snowplow model C-8 and a Meyer Diamond salt spreader model #62067. Would like sell all three pieces together as unit. Thinking would sell better as a package the plow and spreader also being replaced by new.



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**Water:**

MROs filed with IDEM

2 services on new main on Northview

Water Tanks are being Scheduled

Change order of \$5,000 for bond work for work to begin

November usage:

<b>Monthly Water Treatment</b>	
Total Gallons	<b>5,879,000</b>
Max. Day	246,000
Min. Day	162,000
Avg. Daily	195967

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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

<b>MONTHLY REMOVAL SUMMARY</b>					Total Monthly Flow: (million gallons) 4.849
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	Percent Capacity (actual flow/design) 22%
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			
Secondary Treatment	NA	NA			
Tertiary Treatment	NA	NA			
Overall Treatment	99.7	99.6	100.0	91.2	
Phosphorus limit would be 1 mg/l. (compliance achieved)					

All reports have been filed with IDEM

3 sewer inspections this month, 1 replacement

**Education:**

Clint Meyer Passed Water Distribution Medium Exam

Austin Ryan passed his Wastewater Class 2 Exam

Permission for Ben and Ken to go to Alliance Leadership Summit in Indianapolis January 29-30<sup>th</sup>. 1 night stay in hotel, \$305 per person.

Ben Brinkman  
Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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## December 2024 Town Council Meeting Kim Fischer - Marketing

VIV – Finalizing the website – Continuing to clean up... should be ready by end of week  
December 9<sup>th</sup> week of Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

Main Street Program - Liaison between the town and this program –  
Public Relation Meetings & Department meetings development of website- agendas as well as  
event planning for Ferdinand Community Christmas.

Community Christmas Event

Billboard – working on Westbound contract and new billboard is design for January.

Continue to work with Ferdinand Merchants monthly- planning –

Meetings with Visit Dubois County as part of their board of directors -

Working with Ken Sicard on DCLA

Running Ferdinand Outdoor Decorating Contest

Grand Opening – Dunkin Donuts

WBDC – Interview regarding Framing Ferdinand

Social media & Instagram Posts – Newspaper & Radio

Online Zoom with Sustaining Hoosiers Community Informational Session

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