

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2025

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper via cell phone, and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller. Also in attendance were the Scouts and their leaders: Ross Fleck, Daniel Marx, Audrie Brinkman, Clara Hilsmeier, Emily Houchins, Stacy Fleck, and Dick Lange.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2025, Town Council Meeting, Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Kelly Gardner, Apprenticeship Program Coordinator with the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, recognized Kyle Lechner and Clint Meyer. Clint Meyer received his Certificate of Completion Drinking Water Apprenticeship Program and Kyle Lechner received his Certificate of Completion of the Wastewater Apprenticeship Program. Kelly thanked Ben Brinkman and Steve Lechner for mentoring the apprentices. Both employees passed the IDEM exams and are now dual certified with a Water Distribution Class Medium (DSM) License and a Wastewater Treatment Class II License. The Council congratulated Clint and Kyle and thanked Kelly for her guidance with the apprenticeship program from which the Town has gained many benefits.

Rob Randle, Police Chief, stated Poole and Glenn are in week four of the Police Academy and he authorized both to spend the night at a hotel tonight for safety reasons due to the weather. Debbie moved to approve Randle's request to attend Chief of Police School April 14-18, 2025 in Indianapolis, including hotel, meals, and travel. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, reported he received two quotes for 8 Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses that are in the 2025 budget.

Ron moved to approve Todd Fischer's request to seek quotes for a skid steer loader and a mini excavator. The cost will be split between the electric/water/wastewater/street departments. Fischer will get with Bohnenkemper to put together specs to advertise. There will be trade-ins. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The quotes will be opened at 7:30 PM on March 11, 2025.

Tom Lueken, Street Superintendent, asked Luke Wehr to investigate the roof leak at the 23rd

Street Fire Station. Lueken also requested a life expectancy for the roof from Luke.

The Town of Ferdinand's 2025 ADA Transition Plan was presented by Tom Lueken and highlighted by Sicard. Debbie moved to approve the Plan. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to approve Lueken's request to seek quotes for a 2025 2500 HD Work Truck for the Street Department. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The quotes will be opened at 7:00 PM on March 11, 2025. This truck would replace the 1999 F250 work truck which could then be sold.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, requested permission to allow Ryan Oeding, Brian Hoffman, Kyle Lechner, Ken Sicard, and Ben Brinkman to attend the Indiana Rural Water Spring Conference at French Lick on March 11-13, 2025, for \$260 per person and transportation. The price includes two meals and up to 13 hours of CEUs. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Brinkman's request to advertise for quotes for a crane truck for the water/wastewater departments with the quotes being opened at 7:15 PM on March 11, 2025. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron Weyer requested rock be used to fill in the trench on Northview Drive in front of the Blackgrove's home where the dirt has settled. Brinkman will take care of the request. Ben and the Council thanked the electric department and water department for their work on the Northview Drive project during his time off.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, reported the Park Board is looking for a member to fill the open Park Board position.

Sicard stated the Redevelopment Commission met earlier this evening and the Town is still in the running for the READI 2.0 grant.

CCMG 2024-01 - Bid Awarded 6/18/2024 C & R Construction. Lueken stated C& R will begin work on Northview Drive after the water project on Northview is complete.

Local Safety Tax Initiative – Ken is gathering more information.

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

Brinkman stated Kyle is working on the outstanding water surveys.

Cyber Security Update – Sicard is looking into this further.

Johnson stated TSW is hosting an open house Public Meeting on March 6, 2025, from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM at the Mobel Room. On February 26, 2025, at 6:30 PM, the Steering Committee will meet to get a highlight of the material to be presented at the public meeting.

At 7:00 PM, Sicard asked if there were any additional bids for 2024-02 Community Crossing Road Projects. No additional bids were submitted. Debbie moved to close the acceptance of bids. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The following bids were opened:

		Unit Price Unsuitable soils per Cubic Yard	Unit Price Geotextile fabric per Square Yard
	<u>Base Bid #1</u>		
C&R – Corydon, IN	\$773,135.00	\$135	\$5
Knies Construction – Jasper, IN	\$752,603.36	\$100	\$0

To expedite the award process, Brett Schipp with Universal Design and Tom Lucken departed to a separate room to review the bids to determine a recommendation for the Council.

The 2024-02 CCMG Road Projects include:

- 1) 16th Street from State Road 162 (Main Street) to End of Cul-De-Sac
- 2.) 15th Street from State Road 162 (Main Street) to Michigan Street
- 3.) 18th Street from State Road 162 (Main Street) to End of Cul-De-Sac
- 4.) Mississippi from State Road 162 (Main Street) to End of Town Property

Bohnenkemper has discussed the Dubois REC Contract modification and provided to the Council for review. After Council review, if approved, Bohnenkemper will forward to Dubois REC,

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.

An SS4A Engineering Services RFQ/RFP was received from Burgess & Niple from Indianapolis. Their presentation was rescheduled to Thursday, February 27, 2025, due to weather. There are monthly SS4A status meetings scheduled with the State.

Debbie moved to approve Miller's request to attend the ILMCT Training in Plainfield on March 16-20, 2025 for \$450, hotel room, travel, and meals. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to reschedule the Town Council meeting scheduled for March 18th to March 11th. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Town clean-up dates are April 8th, 9th, & 10th. The flyer will be posted on the website and on social media. Ron moved to approve the dates. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller stated that Town issued checks that are outstanding (24 months or more) shall be declared cancelled pursuant to IC Code 5-11-10.5, all checks outstanding and unpaid for a period of

two years as of December 31 of each year shall be declared cancelled. Four checks totaling \$274.65 will be cancelled and deposited into the fund from which they were originally issued. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Resolution 2025-04; a Resolution that states the Town of Ferdinand opposes any tax policy that impacts local units of government that does not come with a corresponding replacement revenue stream. Sicard read the Resolution in its entirety. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Brett Schipp stated he reviewed the bids for CCMG 2024-02 and he recommended accepting the low bid from Knies Construction base bid of \$752,603.36 and the unit price of \$100 per cubic yard for unsuitable soils and \$0 unit price per square yard for Geotextile fabric. The Knies bid did not state a unit price for Geotextile fabric, but did acknowledge Addendum 2, upon advice of counsel the amount was considered as \$0. Ron moved to accept the low bid from Knies Construction, Inc. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 7:15 PM, Brett Schipp read the quotes that were received for the parking lot pavement projects.

	<u>Base Quote #1</u>	<u>Alt. Quote A-1</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
J. H. Rudolph	\$160,924.00	\$23,243	\$235
Knies Construction	\$131,669.34	\$26,000	\$60
Frick Concrete		\$53,840	\$50
Jamniczky Contracting	\$144,380	\$6,940	\$114
C&R Construction	\$110,000	\$105,000	\$150

Base Quote #1 –Asphalt pavement, concrete work and line striping at attorney office and asphalt resurfacing and line striping at 5th Street Park.

Alt. A-1 -- Concrete pavement in lieu of asphalt paving at the attorney office.

Unit Price – Additional grading and #53 stone base placement.

Brett Schipp recommended acceptance of the C&R bid. Tom Lueken stated it was best to asphalt both lots. Ron moved to accept the C&R Construction's low bid of \$110,000 for asphalt pavement on both parking lots and a unit price of \$150 for additional grading and #53 stone base placement. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Redevelopment Commission	Tuesday	March 18, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	March 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	February 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM Cancelled
Plan Commission	Wednesday	February 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee	Wednesday	February 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting at the FCC Mobil Room	Wednesday	March 6, 2025 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	March 12, 2025 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	April 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded.
Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL


Tamara M Miller
Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Sicard
Debbie Jensen
Ron Wy

Ferdinand Est. 1905

Police Department

243 West 10th Street Ferdinand, Indiana 47532

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

Chief of Police: Robert H. Randle Assistant Chief:



January 202⁵~~4~~ Departmental Report for the Police Department:

Winston Glenn and Zander Poole have Started the Southwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, and doing great.

We have had a lot of car issues again this month:

2016A Dodge Charger had a major oil leak, which resulted in a new oil cooler having to be installed at Weyer's garage.

2016B Dodge Charger had both head lights go out, requiring a new wiring pig tail for both headlights. Work was done by Weyer's garage.

2010 Jeep almost left the new Officer stranded in Evansville, but they were able to get it home. That required a new starter. The following week the check engine light came on, a computer read showed it needed a new gas cap due to gasket being dried out. The next week it needed a tire fixed, and a new tire monitoring system. I have now decided the Jeep will stay close to Ferdinand as a spare only vehicle. The 2 guys are now using the Blue Town car to drive back and forth from the Academy.

I have scheduled a lot of on-line training for next month, and Rayce Jones will be going to Hostage Negotiations class next month.

I have also registered for the Chief's police school in April 14-18 at Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. I will be asking for use of the car, meals, and a hotel for that week please.

The department has started quarter 2 Chirp grant which include SAVE (school bus stop arm enforcement) Click or Ticket, DUI enforcement. Using ICJI grant money


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:

Total Calls For Service		<div>January 2025 Calls For Service Report</div> 	
235			
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	2	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	3	Parking Violation	
Assist Other Agency	24	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	
Battery/ Assault	1	Protective/Restraining Order	1
Burglary (attempted)		Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint	1	Report to Station	3
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	25
Civil Matter /Dispute		State Dispatch	4
Citizen Assist	3	Scam	
Debris in Roadway		Security Check	56
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	10	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person		Suspicious Person/Vehicle	4
Drug Complaint		Theft	
Domestic Problem		Traffic Control	
Escort	1	Traffic Warnings	39
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	1
Extra Patrol		Trespassing	
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing		Vandalism	1
Fire		Vehicle Accident	8
General Information	12	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	
Gun Permit		Vehicle Check	
Harassment		UTV Inspection	8
Hazardous/ Not Chemical		Warrant	
Investigation	1	Weather Related Problems	
Identity Theft		Welfare Check	2
Illegal Dumping		911 false calls	9
Intoxicated Person		Pursuit	
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway			
Lines/ Poles Down	2		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate			
Mental Subject			



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

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

Ferdinand, IN 47532

2025 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	8	19		27
FEBRUARY				
MARCH				
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

Update on HB 1233 it is dead as it stands now.

February 18, 2025
Department Reports:

We are again sucking up all the leaves out of the curb and drain inlets in Town. We are doing it this time before we start getting a lot of rain. I didn't remember having this amount leaves other years this late.

In my January department report I mentioned our road salt stock was nearly gone. And Kayla ordered our 2025 contracted amount. Kayla received confirmation on both orders 45 ton untreated and 25 ton of treated salt. We were told a trucking company was contacted and would contact me to schedule a delivery time. Our 25 ton of treated has been delivered with this we should have enough stock to get us through the rest of the winter season.

I have completed the Town of Ferdinand 2025 ADA Self-Evaluation Commitment Schedule waiting Council approval at tonight's meeting.

At the January's meeting we set limb curbside pickup dates for limbs downed due to the winter storm. The pickup was completed the process went very all Town residents who had tree damage followed our posted guide lines.

We did cleanup and maintenance on most our seasonal equipment and hope to do cleanup and maintenance on our snow and ice equipment soon.

I would like to request the Council's permission to get bids for a 2025 -2500HD work truck. We would like to replace our 1999 F-250 work truck with it, If approved we like deem the old truck surplus at a later date and possibly do a truck, plow and spreader package like the last time not sure trying figure out what makes the most sense. We have a truck in our budget for 2025. Also would like to open bids at the March meeting.



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Water:

MROs filed with IDEM

- December Usage:

Monthly Water Treatment	
Total Gallons	7,896,000
Max. Day	332,000
Min. Day	121,000
Avg. Daily	254,710

- Lead Service Line Inventory
 - Calls being made with unresponsive property owners to get the information needed for the before digging up the yards this spring and summer
- Water Tanks
 - Start Dates
 - West Tank by Industrial By-pass 2nd to third week of March
 - East Tank by Sister of St Benedict , August 21st
 -
- Northview Drive Water Main
 - 15 services connected
 - 1 fire hydrant
 - Good progress made this month during the break in the weather

Big Thank You to the Electric Department for there help so far on this project

- Patoka Scada issues
 - New system is arrived, waiting on software to connect to SCADA

Wastewater:

- Monthly IDEM reports are submitted
 - Solids discharged 3.7 mg/l per day average
 - Phosphorus levels of .7 mg/l out of a limit of 1 mg/l average

Education:

- Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Spring Conference
 - March 11th – 13th
 - Send
 - Ken Sicard
 - Ben Brinkman
 - Kyle Lechner
 - Brian Hoffman
 - Ryan Oeding

Equipment:

Crane Truck Specs are finished request to seek quotes on the new truck

Benjamin J Brinkman

Ben Brinkman
Water/Wastewater Superintendent



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February 2025 Town Council Meeting Kim Fischer - Marketing

VIV – website maintenance – Continuing clean -up/updates – Zoom meetings.

VIV– Texting Proposal submitted to Town Council

Main Street Program - Liaison between the town and this program –

Framing Ferdinand Board Meetings – ODAN Application submitted!

Framing Ferdinand PR Meetings – Agendas and planning.

Website – Framing Ferdinand website is completed and up.

Working on new March Event for Framing Ferdinand – Mother/Son events as well as 2 additional events.

Continue to work with Ferdinand Merchants monthly- planning – promoting and Completing their yearly event brochure.

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

Working with them on proposals of county unity with the Christkindlmarkt

Working with Tourism committee

Ken Sicard – Meeting with Dubois County Leadership Program

Social media & Instagram Posts – Newspaper & Radio

Electric Department Report

Feb, 2025

- No unplanned outages
- Pole change outs East side of Main St
- Assisting the water department with water main replacement
- Budgeted purchases
 - Permission to seek bids for a skid steer loader and mini excavator that are shared by all dept



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2025

Attendees
Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Mike Steffe
Tom Lueken

Clark Welp

The meeting started at 4:40 p.m. Meeting minutes were reviewed. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. Finances were presented and discussed. Matt made a motion to approve the finances and Jill seconded.

Due to the opening of one board member assignment, board elections were tabled until February.

2025 Project Discussion

The board members discussed possible 2025 projects. Several ideas surfaced—worthy of further discussion.

- Preliminary Idea: Part of the Fifth Street Master Plan includes razing the existing Ruhe Field two-story storage/old concession/scorekeeping building that was built more than 50 years ago. This building would be demolished, opening up the area behind home plate. In addition, the 'new' restroom/concession building would undergo improvements to recoup some storage and electrical areas that would be necessary do to the removal of the building. The existing building is not in good shape and needs to either be renovated or removed in the opinion of the board. Some of the cost of improvements could utilize the Mobel Foundation Grant money received and earmarked for the youth baseball/softball programs.
- Preliminary Idea: Part of the Fifth Street Master Plan includes some softball shading in the seating areas.
- Preliminary Idea: Eighteenth Street Park Splash Pad – Proceed with Engineering.
- Preliminary Idea: Additional Tree Planting
- Preliminary Idea: Security door lock and camera
- Other ideas were discussed.

Decision on committing to the projects was tabled.

5th street park

Matt and Tom provided an update on the dugouts. Some of the demolition was complete. Seufert Construction planned to begin most of their work in February.

The Weyer Field that was significantly damaged last fall has still not been fully repaired. Field conditioner has been repaired and Todd Andry is planning to do outfield repairs as soon as the weather breaks.

The replacement playground equipment has been delivered, but it has not been installed. Jill is digging into the billing.

18th street park

The replacement basketball goals have been delivered. Installation will commence in the spring. Jill is digging into the billing. The board will sell the old goals to the public when they are removed.

Someone has contacted Matt regarding putting a park bench at 18th Street Park. The location is to be determined. The cost of the bench and installation was acceptable to the donors pending a location both agreeable to the board and the donor. The bench would be in memory of Randy Vaal.

Old Town Lake

No business.

Other News

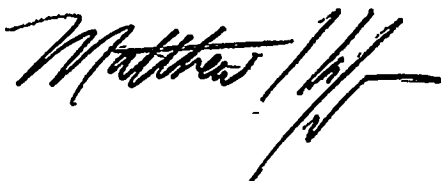
The park board will hold their annual major lease discussions at the next regular park board meeting on February 12th at 4:30 pm. All sports leagues and other interested groups are invited to meeting to discuss their league schedules and tourneys so that we can begin putting together an overall park event schedule. The location of this meeting will be at the town hall. A completed lease form, proof of insurance, and schedule must be provided to the town before the event and/or season starts.

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Natalie seconded and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 5:30 pm.

The next meeting is February 12th at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Minutes submitted on 11 February 2025

Matthew Weyer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Weyer", with a stylized flourish at the end.