

TOWN OF FERDINAND  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 11, 2025

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 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.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rob Randle, Police Chief, stated Poole and Glenn are in week eight of the Police Academy in Indianapolis, Officer Jones completed hostage negotiations class and Officer Clouse completed an investigating crime Zoom training.

Ron moved to approve Todd Fischer's request to send two electric employees to Brownstown for a capacitor bank & regulator training class on April 17. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Todd Fischer, Electric Superintendent, recognized his department for stepping up to finish the Northview Drive water main project. The Council thanked Fischer and his department for their hard work completing the project.

Fischer stated that Orange County Fiber has asked to extend fiber from the Forest Road along Vienna Drive to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The Council stated the fiber would need to be underground with the proper permitting.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, stated the start date for the West water tank will be March 19, so draining will be on March 18. The interior work will take 2-3 weeks and the exterior work could take another 6 weeks. Brinkman thanked Fischer and all of the electric and water employees for their work on the Northview Drive water line project.

The Redevelopment Commission will meet on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

School Crossing Michigan and 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Lueken stated he is waiting for guidance from the elementary school principal and the school resource officer for the signage they are requesting.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the Valley Apartments One LLC Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements CF-1. She stated all forms were in substantial compliance with their applications and recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer

be authorized to sign the compliance forms. Debbie moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeff Durlauf and Erin Thewes, representing Ferdinand Farmers Insurance, stated Ferdinand Farmers Insurance (FFI) is interested in purchasing the property at 2500 Leaf Drive owned by Randy Begle. FFI is requesting to share and improve the access road currently leading to the lift station from the Industrial Park Road. FFI plans to widen and upgrade the driveway entrance off industrial bypass and will also be paving the north side of the parking lot. Going forward, the Town will maintain the rock road leading to the lift station and FFI will maintain the asphalt area. Ron moved to approve the shared access request and instructed Bohnenkemper to prepare an ingress and egress easement to both parties' liking. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Debbie recused herself as she is a member of the Ferdinand Farmers Insurance Board.

Lauren Mundy, representing Framing Ferdinand, thanked the Council for their support along the way while obtaining the Mainstreet designation. The Council thanked Lauren and the group for their work and added the Town will soon have a Historic District Designation.

CCMG 2024-01 C&R Construction - Lueken gave an update and stated that C&R will begin work on Northview Drive after the water project on Northview Drive is complete. Lueken will contact the contractor when Northview Drive is ready for patching. The paving of the parking lot at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and the parking lot at 202 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street will take place at the same time. Lueken is in communication with the contractor, the school, and the YMCA regarding the timing of the street paving projects throughout town.

At 7:00 PM the bids were opened for the 2025 MVH Work Truck.

John Jones Auto Group	2025 Work Truck per specs	\$48,417.00
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Uebelhor & Sons	2025 Chevrolet	\$50,312.90
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Sicard moved to allow Lueken to take the bids under advisement and report back to the Council by Friday. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Local Safety Tax Initiative – Ken stated there is nothing new to report.

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

Brinkman stated Kyle is working on the remaining water surveys. There are fewer than 100 outstanding.

Cyber Security Update – Sicard is looking into this further and will plan to meet with Eck Mundy and Miller.

The Town is still in the running for the READI 2.0 grant.

Johnson stated that TSW hosted an open house Public Meeting on March 6, 2025, from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM at the Mobel Room. Johnson encourages everyone to visit the Town website to complete the newest survey. She also plans to post the flyer with the QR code throughout town.

Universal Design Associates is working on the Preliminary Engineering for a sidewalk/trail from the High School property to the Old Town Lake. Lueken and Johnson plan to reach out to Brett Schipp with UDA, the Prioress and Dr. Pund to pull together ideas.

Bohnenkemper stated another set of SS4A Engineering Services RFQ's was sent to engineers, published and posted on the website. The responses will be opened at the May 20, 2025 Council Meeting.

At 7:15 PM bids for the Water/Wastewater Department Crane Truck were opened.

John Jones Auto Group	2025 RAM 550 Reg Cab 4x4	\$61,717.00
	Knapheide KMTI Crane	\$94,250.00
	Total	\$155,967.00
Ruxer Ford Lincoln	2025 F-550 4x4 SD Reg Cab	\$155,671.50
	Knapheide KMT1-11R Crane	
Sternberg Ford Dale	2025 Ford F-550 Reg Cab 4x4	\$64,915.00
	2025 Ford F-550 & RM45 Crane Body	\$153,215.00
	2025 Ford F-550 & Knapheide KMT Crane Body	\$156,580.00
Sternberg Chrysler Jasper	2025 RAM 550 Chassis Reg Cab	\$65,385.00
	2025 RAM 550 & RM45 Crane Body	\$152,897.00
	2025 RAM 550 & Knapheide KMT Crane Body	\$156,262.00

Debbie moved to allow Brinkman to take the bids under advisement and report back to the Council by Friday. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated that he sent a second letter to the Ferdinand News regarding Property Tax Reform that would reduce the Town's property tax revenue and is now being deliberated at the state level. He attended the Legislative Breakfast held last Saturday at Jasper. He explained the proposed increase in property tax is then reduced, leaving a net increase of only \$5,000 over the prior year's property tax revenue for the Town. Sicard has been asked to speak to our Legislators in Indianapolis next week on this topic.

At 7:30 PM bids for the mini excavator and skid steer loader were opened.

<b>Mini Excavator Bids:</b>			
Hopf Equipment	Mini Excavator	Kubota	\$ 84,846.00
	Trade In	2018 Bobcat	\$ (57,150.00)
	Add	Bucket Options	\$ 7,166.64
	Trade In	Bucket Options	\$ (2,900.00)
		Total	\$ 31,962.64
Hutson Jasper	Mini Excavator		\$ 76,006.99
	Trade In	2018 Bobcat	\$ (45,000.00)
		Total	\$ 31,006.99
Total cost of both machines net of Trade-In Values			\$ 101,104.10
Bobcat Davis County	Mini Excavator		\$ 56,008.65
Buy Back Program	Cab Package		\$ 5,705.05
	Add Ons		\$ 10,842.97
	Subtotal		\$ 72,556.67
	Trade In	2018 Bobcat	\$ (38,000.00)
		Total	\$ 36,830.67
Boyd Company	Mini Excavator	Caterpillar	\$ 84,895.63
Boyd Advantage Program	Trade In	2018 Bobcat	\$ (36,000.00)
		Total	\$ 48,895.63
<b>Skid Steer Loader Bids:</b>			
Hopf	Skid Steer	Kabota SVL75-3HFVC	\$ 68,580.00
	Trade In	2005 Bobcat	\$ (11,600.00)
	Trade In	Bucket	\$ (400.00)
		Total	\$ 56,580.00
Boyd Company	Skid Steer	2024 Caterpillar	\$ 73,861.00
Boyd Advantage Program	Trade In	2005 Bobcat	\$ (10,000.00)

		Total	\$ 63,861.00
Hutson Jasper	Skid Steer	2025 John Deere	\$ 74,534.11
		Warranty	\$ 3,063.00
		Subtotal	\$ 77,597.11
	Trade In	Bobcat	\$ (7,500.00)
		Total	\$ 70,097.11
Bobcat of Davis County	Skid Steer	Bobcat	\$ 48,412.86
Machinery Buy Back Program		Gold Package	\$ 11,585.64
	Add Ons		\$ 3,388.19
		Subtotal	\$ 63,386.69
			\$ 1,908.50
	Trade In	2005 Bobcat	\$ (13,000.00)
		Total	\$ 52,295.19

Sicard moved to take the bids under advisement allowing time for the department heads to review and report back to the Council by Friday. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the Dubois County Leadership Academy will have a Zoom meeting later this week. The DCLA may delay its April start date to the fall.

Debbie moved to approve the 2024 Annual Report as filed on Gateway by Miller. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller stated that we are looking for input for new names for the Senior Citizens Center that is owned by the Town. Some people are under the impression it is only for Senior Citizens to use. The Town is hoping to increase the marketing of the facility for rentals and would like a new name that better represents the potential uses of the gathering space.

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 Special Meeting	Friday	March 14, 2025 at 8:00 AM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	April 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	March 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	March 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Comprehensive Plan Committee		
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, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

Tamara M Miller

Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Seaid

Ron Wy

Debbie Jensen

# 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 style="text-align: center;"> <b>February 2025</b>  <b>Calls For Service Report</b>  </div>	
	<b>218</b>		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	4	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	5	Parking Violation	
Assist Other Agency	15	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)		Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint	1	Report to Station	2
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	18
Civil Matter /Dispute	2	State Dispatch	9
Citizen Assist	3	Scam	
Debris in Roadway	1	Security Check	25
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	6	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	1
Disturbance/Disorderly Person		Suspicious Person/Vehicle	3
Drug Complaint		Theft	
Domestic Problem	1	Traffic Control	9
Escort	2	Traffic Warnings	33
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	8
Extra Patrol	18	Trespassing	
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing		Vandalism	1
Fire		Vehicle Accident	8
General Information	15	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	
Gun Permit		Vehicle Check	5
Harassment		UTV	3
Hazardous/ Not Chemical		Warrant	2
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	1
Identity Theft	1	Welfare Check	4
Illegal Dumping		911 false calls	3
Intoxicated Person		Pursuit	
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway			
Lines/ Poles Down			
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:



February 2025 Monthly Report:

The Police recruits continued the police academy, and doing really great.

We finally picked up our new Dodge Durango. We had Hank signs put the stickers on the vehicle, and it a fully marked police vehicle. It has been issued out to officer Josh Clouse.

We had a large arrest with the Officer seizing almost a half a pound of marijuana, and drug trafficking charges, and operating while intoxicated charges were filed.

I attended numerous meetings throughout the month.

We got prepared for next month as March will be busy. We will have our annual Taser training, State Requirements.





## FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

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

### 2025 Summary of Incidents

	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>EMR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>27</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>MARCH</b>				
<b>APRIL</b>				
<b>MAY</b>				
<b>JUNE</b>				
<b>JULY</b>				
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
<b>DECEMBER</b>				

**We had our ladder truck tested and our ground ladders. Everything passed.**

**We are planning for the upcoming county wide drill at Masterbrand.**

## **Electric Department Report**

March , 2025

- No unplanned outages
- Pole change outs East side of Main St
- Assisting the water department with water main replacement
- Permission to attend free training at brownstown electric for capacitor banks and coordination for two guys



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**Department Reports:**

The Indiana State road salt demand contracts opened for the winter season 2025-2026 we again will participate with the road salt contract program. Kayla has summited our amount request for both treated and untreated salt.

We have our Town wide large item spring cleanup scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> if needed no changes were made hope this one goes as smooth as last one.

As the temperatures start warming the 23<sup>rd</sup> street yard waste and limb drop site will be very active. With that being said we will be monitoring the cameras trying to stop non Town resident dumping.

We are doing some preparation so we have what we need to do ready for the upcoming street projects.

Had to repair a sink hole that appeared on Virginia street between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> also repaired a couple reported storm drain sink holes this seems to be common after the winter months.

Tammy and I attended Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Asset Management. Hosted by USI Consultants.



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## Water:

MROs filed with IDEM

## February Totals

Monthly Water Treatment	
Total Gallons	<b>7,560,000</b>
Max. Day	380,000
Min. Day	178,000
Avg. Daily	270,000

## Cl2 Residuals

	Free	Total
<b>Avg. Daily</b>	0.15	2.19

## Northview Drive

- 1 Tie in from Main St to Northview along 18<sup>th</sup> St
- Left to do, about 120 feet of pipe and 3 fittings

## Water Tanks schedule

West Tank start date March 17<sup>th</sup>

Tank to be drained March 16<sup>th</sup>

## Leaks

- 2 on W 12<sup>TH</sup> ST
- February 20<sup>th</sup>
  - One on a pushed off hydrant valve T
  - Around 60,000 gals per day
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - One on a service line under the road
  - Around 50,000 gals per day

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DEBBIE JOHNSON, Vice President

RONALD WEYER, Member

TAMARA MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

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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:
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	(million gallons) 14.59
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			Percent Capacity (actual flow/design) 67%
Secondary Treatment	NA	NA			
Tertiary Treatment	NA	NA			
Overall Treatment	98.1	95.6	99.7	80.0	
Phosphorus limit would be 75 % removal. (compliance achieved)					

All reports have been filled with IDEM

3 sewer inspections this month, 1 replacement

*Benjamin J Brinkman*

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Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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## March, 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 Framing Ferdinand

Framing Ferdinand Board Meetings – New Community Agendas

Framing Ferdinand PR Meetings – promotions and planning on continued events

Website – Framing Ferdinand website is completed and up.. maintenance and additions

Working on new March Event for Framing Ferdinand – Mother/Son event continued marketing as well as planning the evening.

Attending Indianapolis home/garden show to research upcoming Garden event sponsored by Framing Ferdinand.

Grant writing for upcoming event - submitted to Visit Dubois County

Continue to work with Ferdinand Merchants monthly- planning – promoting

Yard Sale – Promoting annual town-wide yard sale and working with those event planners.

Meetings with Visit Dubois County as part of their board of directors -  
Working with them on proposals that involve town of Ferdinand.

Working with Tourism committee on new pyramid project.

Police Department – helped with new forms and planning of website additions

Ken Sicard – Meeting with Dubois County Leadership Program

Social media & Instagram Posts – Newspaper & Radio