

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2025

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 15, 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 March 11, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting and the March 14, 2025 and March 26, 2025 Special Meetings. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rob Randle, Police Chief, requested permission to send Officer Clouse to a taser instructor class for \$450 on May 28th and May 29th at the Warrick County Sherriff's Office and the use of a police car for travel. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Randle requested permission to send Officer Snider to Instructor Development School May 5th-9th in Tell City at no cost, plus one meal per day and the use of a police car. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Randle will be attending Police Chief's School next week; Assistant Chief Seffernick will be in charge.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, reported the roof leak at Fire Station 2 has been repaired. Randle added the Town sirens were tested today and all sirens passed testing under the new 800 frequency.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, requested permission to send Steve Becher, Brian Hoffman, Clint Meyer, Kyle Lechner, Austin Ryan, and Ryan Oeding to the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Operator Expo at Huntingburg on May 15, 2025 for \$150 per person plus transportation. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Brinkman stated the water department will be relocating a fire hydrant and adding valves by Best Home Furnishings Plant 10 on Industrial Park Drive. The water department will be replacing a fire hydrant and adding valves on West 9th near SIRS and replacing a valve and hydrant at the corner of West 9th and Industrial Park Road. Total cost is \$32,683.37 for parts. Best will reimburse the Town for their portion of the materials of \$11,355.43. Ron moved to approve the purchase of parts to complete the project. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve the purchase of the emission system for the lift station at a cost of

\$4,125 plus installation cost and an annual fee of \$525 and a headworks 850 system for \$7,261, installation cost of \$1,400, and annual fee of \$955.50. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the Redevelopment Commission met earlier this evening and the Town is waiting to hear back from the State regarding the READI 2.0 grant.

The Park Board is working on filling a vacant park board member position.

Johnson spoke with Ferdinand Elementary School Principal about the school traffic issue on Michigan and 8th Street. The school has placed one-way signs on streets during drop off and pick up times to help alleviate the problem and it is working well. Johnson stated that this can be addressed over the summer in planning for the next school year.

The house at 431 E 6th Street received a building demolition waiver. The property card dimensions of the house showed a higher square footage which was incorrect. The waiver was granted after drawings and support were presented of the actual square footage which deemed to be under the requirement of a demolition permit.

Debbie moved to ratify a change order with C & R Construction for the parking lot behind 202 E. 3rd Street to use concrete instead of asphalt at no additional cost. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-03, an Ordinance adopting New Mapping as the Official Town of Ferdinand Zoning, Jurisdictional, and Aerial Corporate Boundary Maps. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve the sale of transformers to the City of Huntingburg or another entity at Todd Fisher's discretion. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the KNU 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 three copies of the compliance forms. This is the last year KNU LLC can apply for this tax abatement. Ron moved to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller distributed a list of potential new names for the Senior Citizen's Center. Miller will add any suggestions to the list.

Ron moved to release the performance bond for the Hidden Meadows subdivision as Kersteins has met all the requirements of the bond. Debbie seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

CCMG 2024-01 is close to being completed by C & R Construction.

CCMG 2024-02 Knies Construction is not underway currently.

Local Safety Tax Initiative is on hold as stated by Sicard.

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

Brinkman stated he is working on the remaining water surveys. The due date to have all surveys back is now July of 2027.

Sicard stated he has a cyber security meeting scheduled as there will be a big push from the State to document and implement cyber security plans. Sicard will have more information at a later date.

Debbie stated we are still awaiting news regarding the READI 2.0 grant.

Johnson stated that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will meet with TSW on May 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall.

Jessica Condra with Region 15 is working on a grant application due in October for the sidewalk/trail from the High School property to the Old Town Lake. A preliminary meeting took place at Universal Design Associates with all involved parties. Jessica plans to schedule a meeting with the DNR to get their feedback on the trail.

Bohnenkemper stated the SS4A Engineering Services RFQ's will be opened at 7:00 PM at the May 20, 2025 Council Meeting.

Sicard stated that SB-1 Property Tax Reform passed that could potentially reduce the Town's property tax revenue. AIM is keeping everyone up to date on the bill.

Sicard stated the Dubois County Leadership Academy will delay its start date to the fall due to the loss of three board members.

Miller presented budget meeting dates to the Town Council and asked to preliminary set the dates for Tuesday, July 29th at 6AM with department heads; Tuesday, August 19th budget hearing at 7PM; Tuesday, September 16th budget adoption at 7PM. Debbie moved to approve the meeting dates and times. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Miller stated that no 2024 TIF Management reporting was required to be given to the Redevelopment Commission or the Town Council because Ferdinand did not have TIF in place during 2024.

Ron moved to approve Resolution 2025-04, to transfer \$60,000 from the Economic Development Loan Fund to the General Fund to cover the cost of the Comprehensive Plan. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie requested to form the 2025 health insurance committee. Ron moved to approve the

request. Ken seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve Sicard and Miller to sign the agreement with Dubois Strong with an annual fee of \$5,062.78. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Colton Pipenger, Executive Director of Dubois Strong, stated he looks forward to being more involved with the Ferdinand Community.

Miller presented the following special claims: C & R Construction invoice for CCMG 2024-1 for \$257,454.56; C & R Construction for the 202 East 3rd Street and 5th Street Park parking lots for \$94,050.00; C & R Construction for additional patching on Northview Drive due to water main replacement for \$21,880.05; and Boyd & Sons for a Bobcat Compact Track Loader for \$52,295.19. Ron moved to approve the special claims subject to the approval by the department head and architect if required. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Redevelopment Commission	Tuesday	May 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	May 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	April 23, 2025 at 6:30 PM Cancelled
Plan Commission	Wednesday	April 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	May 14, 2025 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	April 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee	Tuesday	May 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Miller reminded residents that the Town of Ferdinand does not currently do curbside recycling. The Dubois County Solid Waste Management sites offer recycling.

Miller stated that a sewer rate study is in the works and noted there has not been a sewer rate increase since 2016.

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

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

Tamara M Miller
Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Sicard
Ron Wyz
Debbie Jensen

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: Brian Seffernick



April 2025 Departmental Report:

I attended Indiana Law Enforcement Academy Chief of Police Executive Training Program, and completed the training.

The Ferdinand police Department assisted Ferdinand Elementary with their walk to school.

We also Attended Ferdinand Elementary with their Career Day taking a full marked Dodge Charger and allowing the kids to look around inside the car and see the lights and speak with myself. Town was well represented by Ferdinand employees.

We also prepared the Dubois County EMA drill that is coming in May.

May is shaping up to be extremely busy.

I will be seeking permission for the following items:

Seeking permission to Send Detective Rayce Jones to 3-day New Detective and New Criminal Investigator school in Avon Indiana on July 8th,9th,10th. The cost is \$325.00 for the class, The cost for the hotel would be \$330.00, bringing the total to \$655.00, plus meals and use of the car. This class is limited to 20 students only.

Seeking permission to send myself to the Caliber Mobile/RMS Conference in Indianapolis on June 17th and 18th. The Conference is free to attend, and lunches are provided during the conference. I am requesting a 2-night hotel stay to attend at a cost \$266.00, use of the car, and meals.

Seeking permission to send myself to the NRA Patrol rifle school in Newburgh Sept 15th through the 19th. SILECT is covering half the cost, bringing the price down to \$450.00 for the week. I would need use of the car and meals only. This class will finish my firearms instructor training. This class is limited to 20 students only.

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: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>April 2025</p> <p>Calls For Service Report</p> </div>  </div>	
290			
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm		Missing Person Adult/Child	
Animal Complaint	6	Parking Violation	5
Assist Other Agency	21	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	1
Battery/ Assault	1	Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)		Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	3
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	28
Civil Matter /Dispute		State Dispatch	10
Citizen Assist	2	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	2	Security Check	21
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle		Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	1
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	3	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	3
Drug Complaint		Theft	3
Domestic Problem		Traffic Control	2
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	70
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	15
Extra Patrol	6	Trespassing	
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing		Vandalism	
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	8
General Information		Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	
Gun Permit		Vehicle Check	4
Harassment		UTV Permit	3
Hazardous/ Not Chemical		Warrant	3
Investigation	2	Weather Related Problems	
Identity Theft		Welfare Check	4
Illegal Dumping		911 false calls	7
Intoxicated Person		Pursuit	
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway			
Lines/ Poles Down	1		
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	1	11		12
MARCH	10	6		16
APRIL	5	11		16
MAY				
JUNE				
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

We along with Police and EMA hosted the county wide disaster drill at MBCI plant 4 on May 10th.

We have received and put in service 8 more SCBA Scott packs. That leaves us with only 3 more to replace.

We hosted the Boy Scouts at the station one for a tour and demonstration for them to receive a merit badge.

Electric Department Report

May 20, 2025

- 1 unplanned outage
 - West third st 1 hour
- Pole change outs
 - 3rd east of main
 - Saw mill riser
- Yearly tree trimming continuing
 - 6 danger trees removed
 - Line clearance
- Mitch attended “Top out” exam in Rensselaer for IMEA journeyman exam



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May 20, 2025

Department Reports:

We patch some potholes that show up after the freeze and thaw winter weather.

We had our Town wide large item spring cleanup it was reported to me it went pretty good no changes need to be made to the guide lines or rules as of now.

We are keeping up with the removal of yard waste and limbs at the 23rd street yard drop site.

We did some side ditch work along Scenic Hills Dr. this was needed to create better storm water flow

We are mowing and doing weed control along road right-of-ways and Town owned retention ponds.

Planted 13 more 2-3/8" to 2-3/4' caliber trees replacing some that died or were destroyed by storms 11 at 5th street 2 at 18th street Park.

Reset or straighten several road signs damaged by last month storms.

We painted several stop bars, handicap parking spots and some curb markings areas that had been painted but faded away.

Added curb stops at the new parking lot to avoid people leaving the Town Attorney/EMS lot driving through the grass to the fire station lot

We need to seed and straw the storm drain project started last fall in Whippoorwill but are waiting for a water leak to be repaired.

We are doing our best trying to half way keep up with mowing, trimming and weed control in the parks and other Town owned properties along with maintenance, litter control, cleaning restrooms, taking care of all athletic fields and prepping shelter houses for rentals. May starts the busy time for double bookings of shelter houses and ball tournaments which requires weekend call in's. The spring and summer will be a big challenge.

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Water:

MROs filed with IDEM

Monthly Water Treatment	
Total Gallons	5,685,000
Max. Day	244,000
Min. Day	159,000
Avg. Daily	189,500

West Tank is refilled, waiting on 2nd Bac-T sample results

Pittsburg will have to come back and do some touch up work on the Tank

Rock is being removed from Temporary easement

IDEM inspection on May 5th,

Only issue was the Emergency Response Plan was not up to date.
Response plan has been updated and resubmitted

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Wastewater:

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

Solids discharged 8.1 mg/l per day average

Phosphorus levels of .6 mg/l out of a limit of 1 mg/l average

MONTHLY REMOVAL SUMMARY					Total Monthly Flow: (million gallons) 17.52
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			
Secondary Treatment	NA	NA			Percent Capacity
Tertiary Treatment	NA	NA			(actual flow/design) 83%
Overall Treatment	98.3	94.1	99.8	82.2	
Phosphorus limit would be 75 % removal. (compliance achieved)					

Education:

July 26th, AWWA Southern Operator Symposium at Huntingburg Utility Supply

Cost is \$90 Per Person, includes 7 hours of CEUs

Permission to send 4 Operators and 2 Apprentices

A-Brian Hoffman

A-Ryan Oeding

O-Kyle Lechner

O- Austin Ryan

O-Steve Becher

O-Clint Meyer



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May, 2025 - Town Council Meeting Kim Fischer - Marketing

VIV – Website Maintenance – Continuing clean -up/updates – Zoom meetings.

Banners – Banner refresh (Summer Banners)

West Bound & East Bound – Billboard Designs Completed and Displayed

Main Street Program - Liaison between the town and Framing Ferdinand.

Framing Ferdinand Board Meetings – Community Agendas
Framing Ferdinand PR Meetings – promotions and planning on continued events
Website – Framing Ferdinand. maintenance and additions
Working on new May Event for Framing Ferdinand – Community in Bloom- meeting with each merchant and promoting. – Met with town employees on set up for event at Wollenmann House
Radio Promotion – Community in Bloom
Attended – Careers on Wheels – Ferdinand Elementary

Framing Ferdinand – research for upcoming Event in 2026
Grant Proposal – Dubois County Foundation
Grant Proposal – (2) Sustaining Rural Communities

Continue to work with Ferdinand Merchants monthly- planning – promoting

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

Working with Tourism committee on new pyramid project & Ida Hagan event.

Community Banquet – committee member & promotions

Zoom on Removing & Litigating Negative Online Reviews on social media – restructured our statement on our Facebook page and added to our website.

Social media & Instagram Posts – Newspaper & Radio