

## TOWN OF FERDINAND

### REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2025

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 17, 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.

Sicard stated, this meeting is being recorded. This is a reminder this meeting is being live streamed and recorded. Your attendance at this meeting is your consent to be live streamed, recorded and rebroadcast on the Town's website. If you have any electronic devices, please put them on airplane mode. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rob Randle, Police Chief, reported that Glenn and Poole graduated from the Police Academy on May 23, 2025.

Debbie moved to approve John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, hiring Patrick Recker as a volunteer firefighter with a start date of July 1, 2025, pending drug screening. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ben Brinkman, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, stated Steve Lechner has retired from his part-time position. Ron moved to approve Brinkman's request to purchase a new locator for \$10,002.23 split between the water and wastewater departments. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, welcomed Andy Berg to the Park Board and thanked Natalie Howard for her years of service on the Board. Tom has been given permission to interview applicants for the seasonal park position.

Sicard stated the Redevelopment Commission met earlier this evening and is still waiting to hear regarding the READI 2.0 grant.

Debbie moved to approve the Heimatfest 5K route presented by Karl Hinson and accepted by Chief Randle. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Evan Daunhauer requested that the water line on Lot 102 Krampe's Second Addition on 20<sup>th</sup> Street be moved due to a pool installation on his property. The Daunhauers will reimburse the Town

for the materials and the Town's water department will provide the labor to relocate the water main. Brinkman stated the work will be done sometime after July 14<sup>th</sup>. Bohnenkemper will prepare the necessary agreements regarding the water main relocation and the public utility easement. Debbie moved to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-07, An Ordinance Amending the Ferdinand Municipal Code Chapter 1.10 Entitled Policy and Procedure for Use of the Ferdinand Senior Citizens Center, at the meeting it was introduced. The name of the rental venue is hereby changed to Station 313. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 7:00 PM, Ron moved to open the sewer rate hearing. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Miller stated that the last sewer rate increase was over nine years ago. Miller stated that LWG CPA's and Advisors prepared a sewer rate study based on 2024 actual data and 2025 budgeted data. Midwest Engineers prepared a Preliminary Engineering Report detailing the probable project costs that need to be completed for the wastewater system. Based on this information, the increase is necessary to continue to operate the plant in a safe and efficient manner. The first rate increase (20%) would be effective July 10, 2025 and the second increase (10%) would be effective June 10, 2026. On July 10, 2025 - A customer using 3000 gallons of water (average residential user), the old rate would have been \$56.44, the new rate is \$67.73, an increase of \$11.29 per month. This is \$2.26 a day for the wastewater service. On June 10, 2026 - A customer using 3000 gallons of water would pay \$74.49, an increase of \$6.76 per month. This is \$2.48 per day for wastewater service. The increased revenue will allow the sewer department to secure debt to finance the most important projects and maintain the vital operations of the wastewater plant. There were no questions from those in attendance. Ron moved to close the public hearing. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-06, an Ordinance Amending Section 10.08.030 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Sanitary Sewer Service User Rates and Charges. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CCMG 2024-02 - Knies Construction is working on the 15<sup>th</sup> Street project and the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park cul-de-sac. Tom Lueken will meet with Mr. Fritz, the owner of the building serviced by the sprinkler pit that was discovered under 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Knies is working on the 18<sup>th</sup> Street project while the delay on a portion of 15<sup>th</sup> street is being resolved.

There is no CCMG 2025-02 call at this time. Tom is working with Universal Design on a future CCMG call. Debbie requested the list of potential CCMG projects from Tom.

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

Brinkman stated that Kyle Lechner is working on the remaining 42 water surveys.

Sicard stated that we are waiting for Eck Mundy to prepare a proposal for a cyber security plan.

Debbie stated there is no news regarding the READI 2.0 grant.

Debbie stated that today, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee received the Comprehensive Plan that will be proposed to the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission will make a recommendation to the Town Council on whether to adopt the plan. There is a printed copy available to review at the library and Town Hall. There are links to the plan on the website and on Facebook to view the 130-page document if the public would like to review and make comments.

Debbie stated she spoke to Brett Schipp with UDA regarding the sidewalk/trail from the High School property to the Old Town Lake. UDA is waiting on survey information to make any recommendations to the Town.

Sicard stated that he met with Indiana Senator Daryl Schmitt and received the latest property tax projections. He will review the projections and share the information.

Tom stated he has not yet scheduled interviews with applicants for the seasonal park position.

Miller stated that the deadline to start livestreaming public meetings is July 1, 2025. Tonight is a test night. The Town will be ready by July 1.

Debbie moved to approve Sicard and Miller to sign off on the Contract for Services with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission for planning, technical, and administrative services support in connection with the SS4A project for a fee of \$5,000 as recommended by Bohnenkemper. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Sicard to attend the AIM Board of Directors meeting in Mishawaka on June 23-24, 2025, with hotel and mileage. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken moved to reschedule the October 21<sup>st</sup> Town Council Meeting to October 28<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with an AIM Idea Conference. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie stated that the health insurance committee will meet tomorrow for the first time this year and then meet monthly.

Bohnenkemper was instructed by Council to send the Pole Agreement with the proposed changes to Dubois REC.

Bohnenkemper sent a letter to Allen Durcholz, as requested, regarding the 1305 Main Street property and the 825 and South Club Road. After receiving the letter, Durcholz did request and receive a building permit for the 825 and South Club Road property. Durcholz responded he has

mowed the Main Street and West 13<sup>th</sup> Street properties. He also stated his plans to complete repairs on the in-Town properties. The item will remain on the agenda for follow-up.

Sicard will complete the Flood Plain Administrator certification by the end of June. Debbie moved to appoint Ken Sicard as the Flood Plain Administrator for the Town of Ferdinand. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Redevelopment Commission	Tuesday	July 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	July 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	June 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	June 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	July 9, 2025 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	July 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Comprehensive Plan Committee		
Town Council Budget Meeting	Friday	June 27, 2025 at 6:00 AM
Town Council Budget Hearing	Tuesday	August 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Town Council Budget Adoption	Tuesday	September 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM

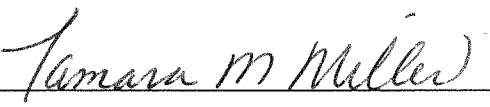
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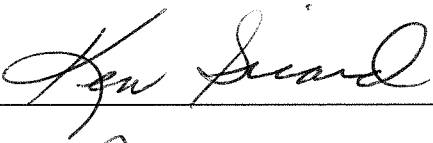
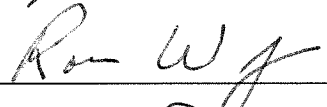

Miller requested the Ferdinand News to include a note reminding residents to keep grass clippings out of the street for safety reasons and to keep the drains clear.

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

  
Clerk-Treasurer

***Ferdinand*** Est. 1905

## ***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: Brian Seffernick**



### **May 2025 Departmental Report:**

Sgt Chase Snider attended the instructor development course in Tell City completed the training. He is now a general instructor for the department.

Officer Josh Clouse attended the Axon Taser instructor course, and is now an Axon instructor, which help our departments training needs, and other departments if needed.,

The Ferdinand police Department assisted Ferdinand Elementary with their last walk to school for the year.

Ferdinand Police department participated in the EMA drill at Master Brand cabinets. The training was very good, and thought we got a lot out of it.

Winston Glenn and Zander Poole graduated from SILWEA on May 23, 2025 and have started their final FTO process, and looking to be on the road by themselves first week in July

Also met with Michael from the Sister's on a safety plan for their facility

I will not be attending the Caliber Mobile/RMS Conference in Indianapolis on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Due to my mother treatments. I spoke with the county deputy's that are going and they will be bringing back information for me, if there any big changes.


# 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>May 2025 Calls For Service Report</div> <div></div>	
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	8	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	8	Parking Violation	1
Assist Other Agency	19	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)	1	Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	3
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	30
Civil Matter /Dispute		State Dispatch	13
Citizen Assist	4	Scam	
Debris in Roadway		Security Check	48
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	10	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person		Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6
Drug Complaint		Theft	2
Domestic Problem	2	Traffic Control	5
Escort	2	Traffic Warnings	146
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	24
Extra Patrol	3	Trespassing	2
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing		Vandalism	1
Fire		Vehicle Accident	11
General Information	20	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	
Gun Permit		Vehicle Check	5
Harassment			
Hazardous/ Not Chemical		Warrant	1
Investigation	3	Weather Related Problems	
Identity Theft		Welfare Check	4
Illegal Dumping		911 false calls	5
Intoxicated Person		Pursuit	1
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway		UTV	4
Lines/ Poles Down	1	Golf Cart	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

	<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>10</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>25</b>
<b>JUNE</b>				
<b>JULY</b>				
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
<b>DECEMBER</b>				

We did receive one application, and would like the approval pending drug screening, Patrick Recker. His start date would be July 1, 2025.

We did splash day at the elementary school on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Electric Department Report**

June 17, 2025

- 1 unplanned outage
  - Animal caused one customer
- 1 planned
  - Warranty transformer repair on a three phase transformer that was leaking
- Pole change outs
  - Main street (accident)
  - 13<sup>th</sup> new service





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**Department Reports:**

Wednesday at the PASER training and Certification I talked with Jasper's street superintendent he said they are in discussion about raising trash sticker price from \$1.50 to \$2.00 most likely the first of the year. Dubois County's highway superintendent overheard us taking said he like to do the same. They asked if Ferdinand would consider \$1.50 to \$2.00 increase if so we would try to have the increase at the same time and three collectors would have the same sticker price. I am just putting this out there for the Town Council think about and decide if you would want to proceed if the others would go forward.

Eric and I went to the PASER training and Certification at Huntingburg Wednesday June 11, 2025. There will be a lot changing in 2026 just two changes will need to initial every road rated with a PASER ID and have a QC Field Form.

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

We are going to put asphalt in utility cuts on west 13<sup>th</sup> street and Michigan near 4<sup>th</sup>

We are doing a lot of right of way weed control spraying

We did seed and straw the storm drain project started last fall in Whippoorwill so it is now complete

We trying to find a water leak at 18<sup>th</sup> street park we have it narrow down somewhere between the lower restroom and the meter across the parking lot we are hopping Ben has away to detect the line under parking lot he is on vacation this week

KENNETH SICARD, President  
TAMARA M. MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

DEBBIE JOHNSON, Member  
SHARON BOHNENKEMPER, Attorney

RONALD WEYER, Member



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## Water:

MROs filed with IDEM

Monthly Water Treatment	
Total Gallons	<b>6,678,000</b>
Max. Day	343,000
Min. Day	144,000
Avg. Daily	215,419

### 2 main breaks

- 1 in the Krampe subdivision,
  - 6 inch main
  - 4 men 5 hrs
  - Replaced 14 ft of pipe
  - Affected 28 residents
  - Loss estimated 250,000 gallons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> on the 200 block of Michigan St
  - 4 in main
  - 4 men 5 hrs
  - Replaced 14 ft of pipe
  - Affected 12 residents
  - Loss estimated 100,000 gallons

Hydrant Flushing Started June 5<sup>th</sup>!

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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:
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	(million gallons) 17.52
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)					

Our Mission SCADA system is up and running, as of June 9<sup>th</sup>

Sewer inspection

Residents 3, no issues

Starting Sewer main inspections after Hydrant Flushing

Education:

Brian Hoffman will be signing up to take his IDEM Drinking Water Distribution Medium Test at the beginning of July

Other :

Our line locator has gone out and we are needing to purchase a new one at a cost of \$10,002.23  
Divided between the two departments.

*Benjamin J Brinkman*

Ben Brinkman

Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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## June, 2025 - Town Council Meeting

### Kim Fischer - Marketing

VIV – Website Maintenance – continuing clean -updates – zoom meetings-analytics

Banners – Banner cleanup

West Bound & East Bound – Working with Folk Fest on new design.

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 & analytics  
Event – Researching and meeting regarding event Feb of 2026.  
Community In Bloom – event was a success and board has decided to calendar for next year.

Framing Ferdinand – research for upcoming Event in 2026  
Grant Proposal – continued research

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/literature

Community Banquet – committee member & promotions

Social media & Instagram Posts – Newspaper & Radio