

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

July 15, 2025

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

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.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, to order a generator for Station 2, which is in the 2025 budget. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. John stated the Fireman's Ball is July 26, 2025, at the Ferdinand Community Center with meals starting at 5:00 PM.

Ben Brinkman, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, stated the hydrants at Best Home Furnishings have been replaced, tested and are operational. There was one water main leak that has been repaired. Brinkman provided the Council with information for clarifiers and safety rails at the sewer plant. He stated that there was an incident in Ohio where a utility worker drowned in a clarifier while cleaning it. He stated that currently, we are doing the buddy system, where there is a minimum of two employees at the clarifier area at a time when someone is cleaning. Ben stated that we are also looking at places we can temporarily tie off to for safety as well. The Council will review the information and discuss it at a future meeting.

Sicard stated the Redevelopment Commission did not meet tonight and we are still waiting to hear regarding the READI 2.0 grant.

Bohnenkemper has reviewed the contract with HWC Engineering, Inc. for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and she stated it appears to be in order and falls within the grant award amount for the engineering work. Rachel Steckler, with HWC, was in attendance. Bohnenkemper recommended a motion be made allowing Sicard to sign the agreement. Debbie moved to have Sicard sign the SS4A agreement. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sam Wiser with TSW Design Group, LLC did an overview of the Ferdinand Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan was considered and received approval from the Plan Commission at its meeting held on June 25, 2025 by a vote of nine in favor, zero against, and zero absent. Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-08, an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2008-05, the prior Comprehensive Plan, at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-09, An Ordinance Adopting the Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Town will receive five hard copies of the plan and a flash drive with a digital version. The Flourishing Ferdinand Website <https://www.tswdesigngroup.com/flourishingferdinand> will remain live. The comments section will remain open for one year after which time comments will be directed to a Ferdinand Town email address.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-10, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.08 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Designated Stop Streets, at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The code is amended as follows:

- (50) Fifth at Missouri – both directions (4-way)
- (111) Virginia at Ninth
- (154) Ninth at Missouri – both directions (4-way)
- (155) Missouri at Ninth – both directions (4-way)
- (157) Missouri at Fifth – both directions (4-way)
- (158) Industrial Park Road at entrance to the MasterBrand trailer parking lot – both directions

Chief Randle will contact MasterBrand regarding the new stop sign at Industrial Park Road and the entrance to the MasterBrand trailer parking lot. Bohnenkemper will publish in the Ferdinand News to give advance notice to the public. Ron suggested a flashing stop sign be installed at 9th and Missouri until residents are accustomed to the new stop street.

There is a typo correction on 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, correcting the word Formally to Formerly.

Dubois REC contract was tabled until next month.

Bohnenkemper and Lueken put together a scope of work for improvements to the COOP building. This would include improvements on the east, north and west parts of the building. Improvements would include: siding removal and replacement, door replacement, closing in a window on the south side and painting it, removal of a fan and closing a window in on the west side, and replacing a door. We will keep the current garage doors. Debbie moved to allow Lueken and

Bohnenkemper to send out quotes for the COOP building based on the scope of work presented. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Bids will be opened at 7:15 PM at the August 19, 2025 meeting.

Ron moved to appoint Debbie Johnson, Tammy Miller, Rob Randle, Tom Lueken, and a park board member to the SS4A Grant Committee. Ken seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ken announced that Tom Lueken, Street Superintendent, will be retiring on October 8, 2025.

CCMG 2024-02 – Lueken stated there may be a change order for 15th Street due to obstacles. Knies Construction is working on backfilling on 18th Street before paving. Mississippi Street will be completed next and then 16th Street will begin in September.

There is no CCMG 2025-02 call at this time.

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

Brinkman stated we are still waiting to hear back on 30 water surveys.

Ken stated there is nothing to add to the cyber security update.

Ken stated there is no news regarding the READI 2.0 Grant.

Debbie stated she is waiting to hear back from Brett Schipp with UDA on the preliminary engineering for the sidewalk/trail from the High School property to the Old Town Lake.

Budgets have been started with the forecasted revenue numbers that we have been given. SB-1 will decrease the amount of property tax funds we will receive in the future.

Debbie moved to approve Ordinance 2025-11, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2024-22 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages, to hire Brian Mullis, Park Department, part time seasonal (mowing season), \$20.50 per hour, effective July 17, 2025 after completion of a pre-employment drug screen, at the night it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie stated the health insurance committee will meet on August 6th.

Ron moved to approve for Miller to attend the ILMCT conference from August 10-14th. The cost is \$500 plus room and meals. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sister Jean Marie Ballard requested Police assistance to guide a pilgrimage from the Ferdinand Monastery to Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church. She is requesting help from the Ferdinand Police Department while in Ferdinand, and then the Spencer County Sheriff's Department will help outside of Ferdinand Town limits. The pilgrimage will be on September 6, 2025, beginning at 10:30 AM. This pilgrimage is for the Hope for Creation and is part of the Jubilee Year. Chief Randle will work with Sister on the details and will bring back more information for the Council to approve.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Redevelopment Commission
Town Council Meeting
BZA
Plan Commission
Park Board
Economic Development Commission

Tuesday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Wednesday
Wednesday
Monday

August 19, 2025 at 5:00 PM
August 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM
July 23, 2025 at 6:30 PM
July 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM Cancelled
August 13, 2025 at 4:30 PM
July 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Town Council Budget Hearing
Town Council Budget Adoption

Tuesday
Tuesday


August 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM
September 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM

A full video archive of the meetings is available for viewing for 90 days at
<https://ferdinandindiana.org>.

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

 Tamara McMiller
Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Secord
Ron Wy
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



June 2025 Departmental Report:

Officer Josh Clouse attended the CPR instructor training, and will finish his last in July.,

Winston Glenn and Zander Poole have completed their FTO training and now working the normal schedules.

Completed all quotes for vehicles and other items needed for the budget hearing.

All 4 new laptops came in, and was set up and issued out to the officers. In return the police department donated the 3 old ones to the Town Office, which was only 3 years old, but did not have enough RAM for all the State Programs the officer's need.

Harmonic electronics completed the upfitting on the 2018 Ford Taurus with police lights and equipment. This vehicle has been issued to Assistant Chief Seffernick.

Harmonic electronics added front lights to the 2018 Ford Edge to make it more safely seen when being used.

I am requesting permission for SGT. Chase Snider to attend a SFST (standard field sobriety test) instructor course at the Lawrence Police Department July 21 -25. This course is completely free through federal funding including the class, hotels, and meals. I am requesting permission for use of his vehicle to attend this school.

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Chief of Police: Rob Randle

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick



June 2025 Calls For Service Report

Total Calls For Service	491	<div style="text-align: center;"> June 2025 Calls For Service Report </div>	
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	5	Missing Person Adult/Child	
Animal Complaint	3	Parking Violation	2
Assist Other Agency	11	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	1
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)		Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	3
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	Return Messages	25
Civil Matter /Dispute	1	State Dispatch	4
Citizen Assist		Scam	
Debris in Roadway		Security Check	37
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	9	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	5
Drug Complaint		Theft	
Domestic Problem	1	Traffic Control	2
Escort	1	Traffic Warnings	285
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	34
Extra Patrol		Trespassing	
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	1
Finger Printing		Vandalism	
Fire		Vehicle Accident	7
General Information	12	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	
Gun Permit		Vehicle Check	5
Harassment	2	UTV	6
Hazardous/ Not Chemical		Warrant	1
Investigation		Weather Related Problems	
Identity Theft		Welfare Check	7
Illegal Dumping	1	911 false calls	12
Intoxicated Person	1	Pursuit	
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway			
Lines/ Poles Down			
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	11	14		25
JUNE	5	14		19
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

Patrick Recher has passed his drug screen and filled out all his paper work.

Would like the approval to order the generator for Station #2 that is in the budget for 2025.

Ferdinand Firemens Ball is July 26th at Ferdinand Community Center, with meals starting at 5 pm and Michal Wilmes starting at 7.

Electric Department Report

July 15, 2025

- 1 unplanned outage
 - Multiple addresses, cause unknown
- Pole change outs
 - Prep for new service settings
 - Prep for pad mount replacements



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Department Reports:

We are trying to keep the storm inlets clear of debris through-out Town however grass clippings being blown out into the street, leaves, straw, liter and even stone washed into the street during heavy rains. Makes this a slow process, at several locations the water still does not recede after removing the debris off the grate and inlet structure when this happens we had to flush the storm pipe out with the sewer jetter.

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. This full-day in person workshop was step 1 for our PASER Certification. Step 2 we need to log into LTAP's Learning Management System and take the PASER Certification Exam. Need to receive an 80% to pass once you pass you will receive a certificate of completion valid for 2 years. Once this is completed we need to wait for an email from Indiana LTAP with a certification number.

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

We did not get to this but we are still going to put asphalt in utility cuts on west 13th street and Michigan near 4th

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

We are still trying to find a water leak at 18th 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. Ben made an attempt to locate it but was unsuccessful we are going to try a couple other ways.

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Water:

MROs filed with IDEM

Monthly Water Treatment	
Total Gallons	6,794,000
Max. Day	354,000
Min. Day	137,000
Avg. Daily	226,467

Work on East Tank by the Monastery has started, pressures and usage are staying in normal operating range.

Hydrants for the Best Home Furnishings project have been installed.

Waiting on supplies to start Danhauer project.

Finishing up dirt work from previous projects and leaks.

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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)
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	10.97
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			Percent Capacity (actual flow/design) 51%
Secondary Treatment	NA	NA			
Tertiary Treatment	NA	NA			
Overall Treatment	98.9	98.5	99.8	81.9	
Phosphorus limit would be 80 % removal. (compliance achieved)					

Plant issues:

Needing railing/ safety tethering or cover for clarifier cleaning. Two employees brought concern to me about almost falling into our clarifiers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, this is why I am bringing this to you. At the council meeting I will bring pictures and pricing for ways to mediate or eliminate the issue at hand.

Benjamin J Brinkman

Ben Brinkman

Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

July 2025

General Park Report

- The park board met on July 9, 2025.
- The board recapped the budget review meeting and adjusted their remaining 2025 project list based on the review meeting. During the August meeting, the board will evaluate budgetary pricing on several projects for the remainder of the year.
- The board approved a local group's request and made permissible the opportunity to hold walking meditations on a regular basis around the Old Town Lake.
- The board conditionally approved the re-hiring of Brian Mullis as a seasonal employee following all HR screening and council approvals.
- The progress on the 18th Street Park curbing and repaving is making progress. We appreciate everyone's patience during the construction, which will dramatically improve the roadway and parking conditions at the 18th Street Park.
- The sprinklers on the football and soccer fields are tentatively supposed to be ready for use pending testing results this week.
- The board is in the process of requesting and reviewing quotes for a new lawnmower, which was in the 2025 budget.

Matthew Weyer
July 10, 2025



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July, 2025 - Town Council Meeting Kim Fischer - Marketing

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

West Bound & East Bound – Working with Folk Fest Committee members in designing new billboards for Folk Fest.

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
New Event – Researching and meeting regarding event Feb of 2026

Continue to work with Ferdinand Merchants monthly- planning–promoting
Confirming vendors and activities for Walktoberfest 2025.

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

New Christmas Wreaths – Proposals & Ordering
In an effort to raise funds for the purchase of new wreaths, I sent funding requests to two organizations. I am pleased to report that contributions were received from both, which will allow for additional wreaths.

Indiana's 250th Celebration planning is underway!

Social media & Instagram Posts – Newspaper & Radio

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