

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

October 28, 2025

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 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 September 16, 2025, Town Council Meeting and the October 7, 2025, Special Town Council Meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, stated the ISO audit went well, and we should get the report in January or February. There will be another meeting regarding Automated Aid before year-end.

Eric Rahman, Street & Property Superintendent, stated that the town-wide clean-up went well. This week, leaf pick-up will start every Tuesday until further notice. Rahman requested that the Western Hopper Spreader and 2 Gorilla Basketball Goals be declared surplus and advertised for sale. Bids will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on November 17, 2025, and will be opened on November 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Rahman stated B & A Construction completed the COOP Building renovation. The street department will be doing some minor items that were not in the B & A contract.

Ben Brinkman, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, stated the crane truck was delivered and two sewer inspections were completed this month. One of the lines inspected will need to be replaced by the homeowner. Brinkman requested that seven employees attend the Indiana AWWA fall conference in French Lick December 2-4. The cost is \$720, plus transportation and meals. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Brinkman stated that Weyer Electric has wired the motor on the west tank and we are waiting for a start-up date.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, stated the playground resurfacing at 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street Park is complete. The playground surface was completely replaced at 18<sup>th</sup> Street; and at 5<sup>th</sup> Street, worn areas were repaired and replaced. Matt thanked Eric and his department for removing

the old playground surface. The Weed Wrangle at the Old Town Lake will take place on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to remove invasive plant species. Participants will need to sign a waiver form to participate, and pizza will be provided to all volunteers.

Sicard stated that the Redevelopment Commission met with PIC. The Town is in the pre-compliance stage with ROI.

Sicard recognized veterans who serve the Town: Mike Tobin, Street Department; Ryan Oeding, Water/Wastewater Department; Chase Snider and Steffen Zink, Police Department; and Don Farina, Board of Zoning Appeals Member. The Council thanked all veterans for their service.

Sicard presented Tammy Miller with an award from the AIM Municipal Management Institute for becoming a Certified Municipal Official. The council congratulated Tammy on her achievement.

Debbie relayed that Lori Klem would like to thank the Street and Police Department for their assistance in helping block off streets and getting the crane truck into Town to assemble the Christmas Pyramid.

The police will provide traffic control and barricades to route traffic on November 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Christmas Pyramid Opening Ceremony. The police will close down East 12<sup>th</sup> Street on November 2<sup>nd</sup> for the ceremony.

Ron moved to approve Bethany Hopf, Brian Fleck, Pam and Albert Kluemper, and Rachel and Karl Hinson as members of the SS4A committee. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The SS4A meeting in October was well attended. There is a survey on the Town's website along with QR codes for the survey at the YMCA, Library, Forest Park High School, and Town hall that all citizens are encouraged to complete. The next SS4A meeting will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Region 15.

CCMG 2024-02 - Eric Rahman and Brett Schipp met with Knies Construction and created a punch list of open items. There will be a small correction on 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

The roads chosen for the CCMG 2026-01 application in order of priority are 5<sup>th</sup> St, from Florida to Michigan St; Alabama St, from Ceasars Court to 5<sup>th</sup> St; and Vienna, from 1470' NE of 14<sup>th</sup> Street to N. of 21<sup>st</sup> St. The total cost of the project is \$1,049,588.40 and the Town's contribution would be \$209,917.69. Debbie moved to approved Sicard signing a financial commitment letter stating that the Town will provide our match amount of \$209,917.69. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Brinkman stated that all water line customer surveys have been received. There are five galvanized lines, zero lead lines, and 93 unknown lines. We are waiting on 120 Water to provide tiered information on the 93 unknown lines.

Sicard stated in 2027, it will be state-mandated to have a cybersecurity plan. Sicard will work with a local vendor to come up with a plan.

Debbie gave an RDC/READI grant update, stating we have a pre-commitment from READI, but are gathering additional information to submit a final agreement.

UDA Preliminary Engineering – nothing new to report.

Sicard gave an update on property tax reform. Property tax revenue to the Town will go down. After July 1, 2027, if a Town has less than 3,500 residents the Council will have to petition the County to receive LIT to cover lost revenue from property taxes.

Debbie moved to approve the following burn dates for the Legion: In 2025: November 9, December 14; In 2026: January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Halloween Trick or Treating hours are from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. EST.

Agenda items #18 and #19 will be addressed at the November meeting.

Agenda item #21 Missouri Street – there was nothing to report.

Debbie stated that the Community Christmas will take place on December 1st beginning at 5:30 p.m. She thanked the Kawanis and PSI Iota XI for their donations of time and money.

Ron moved to approve Sicard and Tammy signing contracts with the Dubois County Trustee. The fire protection contract of \$46,000 with half being paid June 30<sup>th</sup> and the other half December 30<sup>th</sup> and an additional \$30,000 for a rescue vehicle along with a park contract for \$35,000 to be paid out half June 30<sup>th</sup> and half December 30<sup>th</sup>. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 7:15 p.m. the bids for the electric building at 5<sup>th</sup> Street were opened:

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|---|----------|
| 1) B & A Construction and Design, Huntingburg, IN | \$37,030 |
| 2) Daviess County Metal Sales Inc, Cannelburg, IN | \$35,375 |
| 3) Graber Post Buildings, Inc, Montgomery, IN     | \$40,845 |

Debbie moved to accept Daviess County Metal Sales bid of \$35,375, subject to Todd Fischer's review. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Ordinance 2025-21, An Ordinance to Establish Fund 2430 in Connection with the SS4A Planning Grant, at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Automatic Aid – Nothing to report at this time.

Debbie moved to allow Tammy to advertise for additional appropriations for MVH Fund 2201, an additional \$30,000 for Personal Services and \$18,000 for Capital Outlays; for SS4A Fund 2430, an additional \$40,000 for Other Services and Charges. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Ordinance number will be 2025-22.

Ron moved to approve the special claim of \$15,609 to B&A Construction for the work completed on the COOP building, subject to Eric Rahman's approval. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**


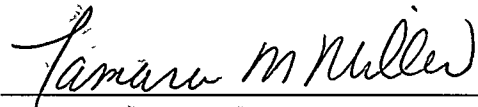
Redevelopment Commission	Monday	November 17, 2025 at 5:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	November 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	November 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	November 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	November 12, 2025 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	January 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM


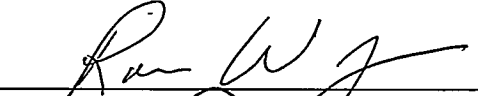
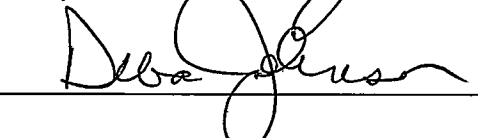
A full video archive of the meetings is available for viewing under the Public Notices Tab for 90 days at <https://ferdinandindiana.org>.

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

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](#)



### September 2025 Departmental Report:

Received Lateral applications for new officers, conducted interviews and hired Cole Meyer during the September council meeting. Cole Starts on September 29 and will be sworn in at the Town Office.

I attended several meetings including IDAC's in Martinsville, Dubois County Schools, SS4A, and Forest Park School Safety.

We worked on getting several training courses for the department for next month, to be hosted at FPD.

Ferdinand P.D. hosted SoToxa training in the Mobile room. An ICJI staff instructor came down and taught the training. We had several agencies come to and enjoy the training.

We assisted the sister's with the pilgrimage walk to Saint Meinrad.

# 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		September 2025 Calls For Service Report	
	320		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	1	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint		Parking Violation	
Assist Other Agency	19	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	1
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	1
Burglary (attempted)		Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	1
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	26
Civil Matter /Dispute		State Dispatch	11
Citizen Assist	2	Scam	
Debris in Roadway	1	Security Check	54
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	7	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person		Suspicious Person/Vehicle	2
Drug Complaint	1	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	2	Traffic Control	10
Escort	1	Traffic Warnings	125
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	5
Extra Patrol		Trespassing	
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing		Vandalism	2
Fire		Vehicle Accident	14
General Information	15	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	
Gun Permit		Vehicle Check	3
Harassment		UTV	1
Hazardous/ Not Chemical		Warrant	1
Investigation	4	Weather Related Problems	1
Identity Theft	1	Welfare Check	3
Illegal Dumping		911 false calls	11
Intoxicated Person		Pursuit	
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	1		
Lines/ Poles Down			
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	1		
Mental Subject	1		



## 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>5</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>19</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
<b>DECEMBER</b>				

**Dakota and Patrick have completed and passed their HAZMAT portion of FF 1 class.**

**Our ISO audit I think went really good, we will know something in 3-6 months.**

## **Electric Department Report**

October 28, 2025

- One unplanned outage
  - Storm
  
- Pole change outs
  - Prep for new service settings
  - West side of main
  
- 4kv conversion on Missouri
  - 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Missouri reconductor
  
- Attended IMEA Business meeting
  - Mutual aid discussions
  - Pole joint use discussions
  - Safety/leadership discussions





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## Street and Park Department

Road patching on W 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Scenic Hills Drive

Installed a new sign at the limb and yard waste site at W 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

Took out surface rubber at the 18<sup>th</sup> Street lower playground area

Took out basketball goals at 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park and installed new ones

Installed and repaired playground equipment at 5<sup>th</sup> Street Park and 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park upper playground

Did a walk-through on CCMG projects for the punch list (corrections) with UDA

Eric Rahman  
Street and Property Manager

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	7,030,000,000
Max. Day	419,000
Min. Day	108,000
Avg. Daily	234,333,333

4 Service Line Leaks last month

Flushing finishing up Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October

Finishing up dirt work from previous projects and leaks.

Leibrings Dimensions is wanting to add a building to their property but where they want to locate the building the water main would need to be moved. Midwestern Engineers is currently looking over Cash Wagner's design to make sure that there will be no interference with water flow or fire suppression availability for the area.

The building will also be over a section of sewer main, this main can be fixed or replaced without digging up under the building with the use of pipe bursting or slip lining the sewer main, if the time or need would come and does not need to be moved.

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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	8.19
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			Percent Capacity (actual flow/design) 39%
Secondary Treatment	NA	NA			
Tertiary Treatment	NA	NA			
Overall Treatment	99.1	98.0	99.9	86.3	
Phosphorus limit would be		1 mg/l.	(compliance achieved)		

**Plant Issues:**

Working on getting more solid pricing for launders and safety rails for clarifier. As well as looking into other options that have been brought to my attention.

Also working on pricing and contractor information for the liner on the Equalization Basin that is starting to fail, it has reached 18 of its 15-year life expectancy.

1 Electric motor fail for blower motor of the aeration tanks 1-5. Currently running on back up motor till new one motor can be put in.

**Education:**

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Indiana AWWA is hosting a water conference at Frenchlick, cost is would be \$630 to send the following people. Plus, transportation and meals.

- Brian Hoffman
- Nick Werner
- Ryan Oeding
- Ben Brinkman
- Kyle Lechner
- Steve Becher

*Benjamin J Brinkman*

Ben Brinkman

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**Marketing Dept – Peyton Nalley**  
**October 2025 – Town Council Meeting**

*Designed new billboard for the first quarter of 2026 for west bound & east bound*

*Framing Ferdinand PR Meeting – planning Community Christmas, creating new flyer for Christmas Lights Contest*

*Ferdinand Merchants Monthly Meeting – Oktoberfest debrief & talked about plans for Chriskindlmarkt*

*Spoke with Todd Fischer & Deb Johnson about Christmas banners and Wreath placements in town*

*Met with Tammy & Stephanie about Station 313 logo ideas and ways to promote Station 313 in 2026.*

*Working on finishing the Park Board Facebook profile – they were wanting their own page*

*Various social media posts*