

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2025

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 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. Forest Park student, Nora Welp, was also in attendance.

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 October 28, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rob Randle, Police Chief, thanked the Electric, Water/Sewer, and Street department for their help with setting up and tearing down barricades and other traffic control measures for the Christkindlmarkt. Debbie thanked the electric department for getting all Christmas Décor up in time for the Christkindlmarkt.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, requested approval to hire Nick Werner and Kevin Adams as volunteer firefighters contingent on passing a drug screening. Nick Werner passed the drug screening upon being hired by the water/sewer department last month, an additional screening is not necessary. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Eric Rahman, Street & Property Superintendent, stated leaf pick-up is in full swing.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, stated that the street department winterized the bathrooms at all parks. The 3rd Annual Weed Wrangle at Old Town Lake was a success and he thanked the 20 volunteers who showed up to help. It has been suggested that a weed wrangle needs to take place twice a year, once in the spring/summer and also in the fall. The spring/summer would require mostly spraying with assistance from the park department.

Sicard stated that the Redevelopment Commission met on November 17th. The Town is in discussions with the developer. The Town is still in the pre-compliance stage of the READI grant.

Ben Huckaba with Alpha Engineering, the Town's electrical engineering consultant, made the recommendation to renew our wholesale power contract with Nextera. Huckaba, along with the Town Council and Town employees, had interviewed 4 different power companies over the past few

months before making a final decision. This contract will be for 5 years. Ron moved to approve the 5th Amendment to the Wholesale Electric Power Service Agreement with Nextera Energy Marketing. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Steve Leiberling, representing Leiberling Properties and Leiberling Dimensions, was in attendance and described the new building plans and personal property equipment additions at 514 W 8th Street to the Council. Sharon Bohnenkemper stated she has reviewed the abatement applications for the real estate and the personal property, the statement of benefits and projected tax savings, and she stated Leiberling does qualify for an 8-year abatement on each. The Economic Development Commission gave a favorable recommendation and declared the 6.40 acres an economic revitalization target area. Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-23, An Ordinance Declaring Certain Real Estate an Economic Development Target Area. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to adopt Resolution TA 2025-01, A Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area Within the Town of Ferdinand. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. A hearing was set for December 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM for public comment.

Debbie Johnson stated there was an SS4A meeting on November 5th. There have been 57 surveys completed. Debbie will be contacting local businesses, schools, and nonprofits to have focus group meetings during the day on possibly January 14th, with an evening public meeting at the Legion and provide pizza for those in attendance.

CCMG 2024-02 - Eric Rahman met with Landon with Knies Construction regarding Mississippi Street. The correction of Mississippi Street is as good as it is going to be until the parking lot gets redone with overlay in the future, which will build up the pavement to create more drainage. 15th Street and 18th Street projects are complete. Knies plans to fix the water issue along the curb area on Main & 16th Street on Thursday, weather permitting.

The CCMG 2026-01 application has been submitted. Rahman and Miller are working on the road inventory to submit before the December 1, 2025 deadline.

At 7:00 p.m. the bids for the salt spreader and basketball goals were opened:

Salt Spreader

1. Mitch Konerding	\$50.00
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Basketball Goal #1

1. Aaron Borden	\$20.00
2. Nathaniel Frick	\$200.00
3. Jeremy Mehringer	\$283.00
4. Austin Weyer	\$252.00
5. Ben Sitzman	\$750.01 Only wants 1 goal
6. Abby Hagedorn	\$252.00

Basketball Goal #2

1. Aaron Borden	\$20.00
2. Colin Leinenbach	\$151.50
3. Todd Gehlhausen	\$401.00
4. Tammy & Alan Dilger	\$288.00
5. Nathaniel Frick	\$100.00
6. Austin Weyer	\$206.00
7. Steve Bechner	\$151.00
8. Ben Sitzman	\$750.01 Only wants 1 goal
9. Abby Hagedorn	\$252.00

Either Basketball Goal #1 or #2

1. Marcy Weyer	\$152.89
2. Daniel Dilger	\$400.00
3. Alex Hoffman	\$276.00
4. Jeff Durlauf	\$300.00
5. Jake Memmer	\$375.00

Ron moved to accept Mitch Konerding's bid of \$50.00 for the salt spreader, Ben Sitzman's bid of \$750.01 for goal #1, and Todd Gehlhausen's bid of \$401.00 for goal #2. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ben Brinkman stated they are waiting on the weather to begin working on the 5th water line. Miller distributed the accounts receivable report to keep the Council informed.

Brinkman stated there is no update on water customer surveys.

Sicard stated there is no new information regarding cyber security.

RDC/READI grant - no other update besides what was said earlier in the meeting.

UDA Preliminary Engineering on pause for sidewalk/trail from Highschool to Old Town Lake. Debbie stated this will be part of the SS4A process evaluating the sidewalk wants and needs.

Sicard went to Terre Haute and presented on behalf of the Town regarding the property tax reform update with AIM.

Debbie moved to approve the Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2025-22 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. Roll call vote: Ken Sicard – aye, Ron Weyer – aye, Debbie Johnson - aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie stated that the Community Christmas will take place on December 1st from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Ferdinand Community Center. Debbie thanked Framing Ferdinand, Ferdinand Tourism, and Joyce Beck for their donations for the purchase of 15 more Christmas wreaths. Debbie also thanked Laura Reckelhoff and Kim Fischer for making the bows for 30 wreaths around Town.

Automatic Aid – Nothing to report at this time.

Debbie moved to approve the 2026 Utility Budgets. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper stated that our Title VI plan is now being updated on an annual basis instead of every two years. Part of the plan is completing training for all employees. A training for Town Employees will be held on November 20th at 11:00 a.m. A make-up session for those who cannot attend will be at a future date.

Ron moved to approve and allow Sharon Bohnenkemper to sign off on the Lamar annual contract for \$4,450 and the JR Promotions annual contract for \$5,135 for Town billboards. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda item #20 Appointments to Indiana 15 for 2026 will be addressed at the December meeting.

Agenda item #21 Electric/Net Metering will be addressed at the December meeting.

Debbie moved to allow Ken Sicard to sign off on the PIC Historical Marker Permit #2025-1, marking the location of the held first mass in Ferdinand. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with PIC and allow Ken and Tammy to sign off on it. Progressive Investment Company closed in the ditch at PIC South Ferdinand Scenic Hills Drive East Side. Ferdinand agrees to accept the now enclosed open ditch as part of its public stormwater infrastructure system and PIC's dedication of it and will commit it to public use and will assume all maintenance responsibilities from and after September 26, 2025. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie and Tammy turned in their Nepotism forms. Ken and Ron will need to turn in their forms by year end.

The salary ordinance will be addressed at the December meeting.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:


Redevelopment Commission	Tuesday	December 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	December 16, 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	December 10, 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, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL:


Tamara M Miller

Clerk-Treasurer

Dea Secord

Ron W J

Deba 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



October 2025 Departmental Report:

All Ferdinand Officers attended training by the Dubois Prosecutor's Office at our department. While there we showed them around and looked at more training next year from them.

All Ferdinand Officers completed their required Defense Tactics for the year. We still need to do an hour scenario to finalize the training.

I completed my IDAC's coordinator training, so that the department is update for that area. It is now a yearly testing for all officers instead of 2 years.

Brian and Josh did traffic for the Monster dash, and it went off with no problems.

Attended a meeting with Lori Klem for discussion on the Pyramid opening on Nov 2, I spoke with Eric Rahman, and we have everything in place for that night.

Finally picked up more banners for right turn only, and more no parking signs, as we are getting ready for the Christkindlmarkt in Nov.

We had all three Dodge Chargers in the shop at same time; Weyers garage was able to get them back up and in duty form.

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	454	October 2025 Calls For Service Report	
			
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm		Missing Person Adult/Child	2
Animal Complaint	3	Parking Violation	2
Assist Other Agency	16	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	1
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)	3	Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	1
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	27
Civil Matter /Dispute		State Dispatch	12
Citizen Assist	8	Scam	
Debris in Roadway		Security Check	99
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	7	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	3	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	5
Drug Complaint		Theft	1
Domestic Problem		Traffic Control	9
Escort	2	Traffic Warnings	170
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	19
Extra Patrol	1	Trespassing	
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing		Vandalism	
Fire		Vehicle Accident	10
General Information	25	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	
Gun Permit		Vehicle Check	5
Harassment		UTV	1
Hazardous/ Not Chemical		Warrant	1
Investigation	5	Weather Related Problems	
Identity Theft	2	Welfare Check	3
Illegal Dumping		911 false calls	6
Intoxicated Person		Pursuit	
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	1		
Lines/ Poles Down			
Lost/ Stolen License Plate			
Mental Subject	1		



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	10	14		24
AUGUST	10	14		24
SEPTEMBER	1	13		14
OCTOBER	5	18		23
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

We had our annual fire prevention day at the elementary school, big thanks to Jasper Fire for letting us barrow the smoke trailer.

Alivia Hoppenjans was our queen candidate at the IVFA parade.

We picked up trash along St. Rd 264 for our Adopt-hiway.

Would like the approval to hire three candidates, upon passing drug screen. Nick Werner, Kevin Adams, Jonathan Hoppenjans.

Electric Department Report

Nov. 18, 2025

- No unplanned outage
- Pad mount transformer installations
- Meter training
 - Todd and Colin
 - 3 phase installations and troubleshooting
- Christmas decorations installed on light poles



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Street and Park Department

Received 1 load treated salt, expecting 1 load untreated salt Nov 18th to get us back up to where we should be.

Fixed sinkhole on Virginia St.

Fixed gutter drain at Virginia and 10th St.

Put tables and cones out for Markt

Picking up leaves

Received trees for planting at parks.

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	7,216,000
Max. Day	384,000
Min. Day	40,000
Avg. Daily	232,774

Finishing up dirt work from previous projects and leaks.

Doing quarterly water audit and showing since Northview water main has been put in we have dropped 15,000 gallons a day usage on average. Which would come to over 5 million gallons a year.

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DEBBIE JOHNSON, Vice President
SHARON BOHNENKEMPER, Attorney

RONALD WEYER, Member

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) 8.19
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	Percent Capacity (actual flow/design 39%
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			
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)					

Switch clarifier from East to West,

New electric motor for blower room installed

New sewer service installed at 20th and Krampe

Benjamin J. Brinkman

Ben Brinkman

Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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Marketing Dept – Peyton Nalley
November 2025 – Town Council Meeting

Had a meeting with a company who puts together historic videos of towns. After the meeting & digging more into the details and talking at dept meeting, it just wasn't something that would suit Ferdinand.

Wrote and mailed out 'thank you letters' from the town to the people that donated money for the new Christmas Wreaths.

Framing Ferdinand PR Meeting – planning Community Christmas, creating new flyer for Christmas Lights Contest, creating signage & heading reindeer food craft for Community Christmas

thinking of 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