

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

January 20, 2026

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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.

The election of officers was conducted. Motion to appoint Ken Sicard as Town Council President was made by Debbie Johnson and seconded by Ron Weyer. Motion carried 3-0. Motion to appoint Debbie Johnson as Town Council Vice-President was made by Ron Weyer and seconded by Ken Sicard. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2025, Town Council Meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, stated there were four service lines with leaks this month. One of the leaks occurred this morning, resulting in 6.5 hours of after-hours work for three employees. The leak occurred between 7th Street and Missouri due to a fitting malfunction.

Brian Hoffman passed his IDEM water distribution test, making him a certified operator for the Town. Brian will finish up his water apprentice program this semester. Ryan Oeding will be starting the cram course semester of his water apprentice program on Wednesday and will send his letter to IDEM to take his Class 2 Wastewater test.

Ron moved to approve all employees of the Wastewater, Water, Electric, and Street departments to attend the Pipeline Safety Training Class at the Huntingburg Event Center on February 4, 2026, from 8:30 AM-12:00 PM. The class is free, but transportation is needed. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to allow five Water/Wastewater employees to attend the Indiana Alliance Conference in French Lick from March 17th to 19th. Employees will alternate going on separate days. The cost is \$1,230 plus transportation and meals. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve the purchase of a new Flygt Pump for the price of \$16,342.60 for our

RAS pit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current one we have cannot be rebuilt, and there are no backups on hand. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve the purchase of a Trimble web-based GPS configuration unit for the price of \$10,696 with a \$250 annual fee. The price will be split 4 ways between electric, water, sewer, and street. Todd Fischer, Kyle Lechner, Eric Rahman, and Ben Brinkman believe this is the best product to help with their needs. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to allow Ben Brinkman to send out a request for bids for the Leiberling project for the water and sewer materials after the IDEM permits come in. Leiberling will be reimbursing the Town for the materials. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, stated Brian Mullis resigned as a seasonal park employee. Matt requested permission to advertise for a new seasonal park employee. Ron moved to allow Eric to advertise for a part-time seasonal park employee. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-1.

Matt Weyer stated there is a water leak at 18th Street Park in a water line that runs under the parking lot. Eric Rahman explained that approximately 270 feet of 1 ½ inch water line will need to be replaced. The new water line will be run around the parking lot in the grassy area to avoid digging up the asphalt. Brinkman stated the restroom will be out of service for 2-2.5 days at 18th Street Park. The cost of materials is \$1,500. Debbie moved to approve replacing the water line. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie gave an update on the Redevelopment Commission and stated PIC and their associates gave a presentation tonight at the RDC meeting. There will be an RDC executive session on February 10th.

Ron moved to appoint Rich Clark to the Park Board, as recommended by the Park Board. This will be a 4-year term. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie Johnson stated there will be SS4A focus group meetings during the day at the YMCA on Thursday, January 22nd and an evening SS4A public meeting at the Ferdinand American Legion at 5:30 PM. HWC will give a brief presentation, and then attendees can help provide input, including identifying dangerous intersections, desired walking trails and future sidewalk placement.

Ben Brinkman informed the Council that the materials for the 5th Street waterline replacement are ready to go. The replacement will be from Georgia Street to Main Street. Ben is currently brainstorming a potential problem with 5th Street and Carolina Street, where there is a 4ft storm sewer box made of concrete. The plan is to backfill the road cuts with sand to create good compaction. The project is planned to begin when the weather is more favorable.

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

submitting non-payers to TRECS to hopefully collect payment. TRECS collections only happen if the person submitted a tax return and is due a refund.

Sicard is researching more about cybersecurity and the legislation. He foresees more information coming out in the coming years.

UDA completed preliminary designs. Mike Steffe and Debbie Johnson are meeting on Thursday to go over a possible grant for the sidewalk/trail from the high school property to Old Town Lake. They will begin to determine the Town's monetary commitment for the grant application.

Sicard stated that the property tax reform is being addressed by the legislature. AIM is making suggestions and is in discussion.

Ken accepted the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure form from Ron Weyer and will sign the form on behalf of the Council. Miller will file the form with the Dubois County Clerk and upload it to Gateway.

Debbie moved to allow Ken Sicard to attend the Aim Board of Directors meeting in Indianapolis with a hotel stay at the Westin on February 18, 2026. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-01, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2025-25 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, clarifying Firefighter pay for Town employees, at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to allow Ken and Tammy to sign the Agreement for Professional Area Economic Development Services with Dubois Strong for 2026 for \$5,062.78. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Colton Pipenger, Dubois Strong Executive Director, gave an update on Dubois Strong programs and progress.

Ron moved to allow Ken Sicard and Tamara Miller to sign off on the contract with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission for the Codification of Ordinances for \$1,100. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-02, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.06 of the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Traffic Regulations, at the meeting it was introduced. This creates no parking on the southside of West 6th Street, starting at a point fifty feet from the intersection of Virginia Street and West 6th Street and running thence sixty-five feet east of that point. Street parking signage and yellow curb painting will be added by the Town. Additional signage will be the responsibility of the property owner. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated that a contract with Nextera was accepted at the last meeting as our electric supplier. The Town had met with four electric providers and hired an electric consultant to help determine the best electric supplier for the Town. There will be a rate study conducted as a rate increase will likely become effective mid-summer.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Redevelopment Commission	Tuesday	February 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	February 17, 2026 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	January 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	January 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	February 11, 2026 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 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL


Lamara M Miller
Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Sicard
Ron Wj
Debbie Jensen

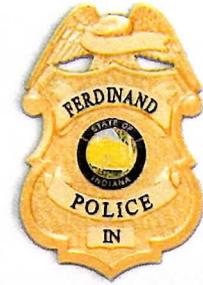
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Police Department

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Chief of Police: [Robert H. Randle](#) / Assistant Chief: [Brian Seffernick](#)



December 2025 Departmental Report:

Ferdinand Police Department hosted several training courses for other departments and SILETC (Southern Indiana Law Enforcement Training Council). These courses were State Required classes, Defensive Tactics, EVO, and SFTST's.

I attended the Christkendmarket closing meeting, where we discussed how everything went and what we saw needed to be changed for next years.

The Ferdinand Polce department was asked to attend a Fire department meeting and get together; this was a great opportunity to build on.

I had a zoom meeting with Axon about Rapid SOS for 911 calls, and what translation services cost for the camera system.

The annual ILEA training hours were sent to State, all Officer's completed the required hours.

The Chirp 2026 grant, quarter 1 came to a close. We had numerous Officers work grant hours in this quarter

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Chief of Police: Rob Randle

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick



December 2025 Calls For Service Report

Total Calls For Service	375	December 2025 Calls For Service Report	
2025 Year to Date	4950		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	4	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	4	Parking Violation	
Assist Other Agency	21	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	1
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)		Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	1
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	30
Civil Matter /Dispute	2	State Dispatch	6
Citizen Assist		Scam	
Debris in Roadway		Security Check	80
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	4	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	4
Drug Complaint		Theft	
Domestic Problem	3	Traffic Control	6
Escort	4	Traffic Warnings	117
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	11
Extra Patrol		Trespassing	
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing		Vandalism	
Fire		Vehicle Accident	10
General Information	23	Vehicle Check	5
Gun Permit	1	UTV	1
Harassment	1	Warrant	1
Investigation	5	Welfare Check	6
Identity Theft	2	911 false calls	10
Illegal Dumping		Pursuit	
Intoxicated Person	3	Year End Totals	
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway		2021 Calls Year End Totals	2722
Lines/ Poles Down		2022 Calls Year End Totals	2593
Lost/ Stolen License Plate		2023 Calls Year End Totals	3054
Mental Subject	2	2024 Calls Year End Totals	3736
ICAC Investigation		2025 ICAC Investigation Totals	4
Public Relations		2025 Detective Case Totals	12



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	6	9		15
DECEMBER	4	17		21

Patrick Recker has completed and passed his Firefighter 1 & 2 skills and tests.

I ordered and have received the extrication tools that were in our budget. We will have them in service here this week.

233 runs for last year is the most we have ever had. Previously I think the most was 206.

Electric Department Report

Jan 20, 2025

- 1 unplanned outage
 - Animal 3 customers 1 hour
- Tree pruning finished
 - Danger tree removal and park dead tree removal nearly finished



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Street and Park Department

Working on equipment maintenance

Planting trees in parks and old lake area

Taking down dead trees in parks

Changing out faded street signs

Brian Mullis announced he will not be back for mowing season because of health reasons

Eric Rahman
Street and Property Manager

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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	6,332,000
Max. Day	280,000
Min. Day	116,000
Avg. Daily	204,258

Work on 5th St is stalled, for weather

6 water meters changed out for failure,
1- 2 inch meter
5- residential meters
1 moved outs

3 water leaks fixed this month

Water purchased water was down 4.5 % (9,000 gals per day) compared to the last 4 yr average for the month.

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Wastewater:

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

Solids discharged 2.9 mg/l per day average

Phosphorus levels of .5 mg/l out of a limit of 1 mg/l average

MONTHLY REMOVAL SUMMARY					Total Monthly Flow: (million gallons) 8.322
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	Percent Capacity (actual flow/design) 38%
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			
Secondary Treatment	NA	NA			
Tertiary Treatment	NA	NA			
Overall Treatment	99.0	97.8	99.9	89.6	
Phosphorus limit would be 80 % removal. (compliance achieved)					

1 sewer lateral replacement

Education:

Brian Hoffman passed his IDEM Water Distribution Test for his DSS Certification. He will be starting his last semester of his Apprentice program for water at the end of the month.

Ryan Oeding is starting his Cram Course semester of his Apprentice program Wednesday and will be sending in his letter to IDEM to take his Class 2 Wastewater test.

Other Education:

Permission to send 5 people to Huntingburg on February 4th for Pipeline Safety Meeting cost is free it is from 8:30 to Noon just need Transportation.

Permission to send employees to the Indiana Alliance Conference in French Lick March 17th to the 19th sending separate groups separate days.
Cost total for 5 is \$1230 plus transportation and meals.

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TAMARA MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

SHARON BOHNENKEMPER, Attorney

Other Projects:

Permission to purchase new Flygt Pump for our RAS pit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, we have one pump that is needing rebuilt or replaced (we won't know which until we get it to Flygt), and currently we have no back up on hand for this size. The pump specified will be one that we can use at lift station 6 now, as well as 5 and 1 when they are upgraded down the road. It is a 10 hp pump for 460v 3phase electric Cost is \$16,342.60

Permission to purchase a new GPS unit for our GIS system our old system is about 10 years old and software is no longer supported, cost is \$10,696 split between 4 departments

Permission to send out for bids for the Leiberling Project for water and sewer materials when the IDEM permits come through. Leibrings will be reimbursing the town for the materials.

Benjamin J Brinkman

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Marketing Dept – Peyton Nalley
January 2026 – Town Council Meeting

Random website updates.

Working on what can be improved/organized on website to make it easier to navigate.

250th Celebration – preparing ways to celebrate

Framing Ferdinand – helping create social media campaign for 2026

Still thinking of ways to promote Station 313 in 2026.

Various social media posts



**PARKS DEPARTMENT
TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

January 2026

General Park Report

- The park board had to cancel their January 14th meeting.
- The park board will hold their annual major lease discussions at the next regular park board meeting on February 11th at 4:30 pm. All sports leagues and other interested groups are invited to meeting to discuss their league schedules and tourneys so that we can begin putting together an overall park event schedule. The location of this meeting will be at the town hall. A completed lease form, proof of insurance, and schedule must be provided to the town prior to the event and/or season starting.
- For a number of months, the water department and Tom / Eric have been working on a known water leak at the 18th Street Park, just south of the softball field near the parking lot. The water leak has been isolated to a portion of the line, but after significant effort and quite a bit of water loss, the two departments are suggesting that the best alternative at this point is to replace that portion of the water line. Materials costs are estimated to be about \$1,500.00 and the work would be done by the town. The departments are seeking approval for the work.
- Regrettably, Brian Mullis will not be able to work this spring/summer due to health complications and has informed Eric of such. The park board is requesting to hire a replacement for this position and, once approved, advertise for the position.

Matthew Weyer
January 16, 2026