

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

February 17, 2026

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; 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 January 20, 2026, Town Council Meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Todd Fischer, Electric Superintendent, requested approval to purchase two transformers, one for a new installation and one for the high school remodel totaling \$54,097.80. There is a 22-week lead time to receive the units. Ron moved to approve the purchase. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Eric Rahman, Property and Street Superintendent, requested permission to look into updating the New Holland TC330 year 1999 loader tractor and purchasing a new 12' mower to pull behind in order to mow lake dams and large open areas. This would save a lot of labor and help keep up with the mowing. All departments would share in the cost. Rahman will provide numbers at the March meeting. Rahman thanked Todd Fischer's and Ben Brinkman's departments for the assistance in clearing snow.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, stated there was a water main break on Monday, which has been repaired, and the water boil advisory was lifted at 4:15 pm today. He stated it wasn't feasible to hang door hangers. The media was notified of the advisory and it was posted on Facebook, the website, and announced on the radio. Brinkman requested permission to purchase a new Flygt Pump for our RAS pit at the wastewater treatment plant. The pump specified will be one that can be used at lift station 6 now, as well as lift station 5 and lift station 1 when they are upgraded in the future. It is a 10 hp pump for 460v 3phase electric for a cost of \$15,477.90. The pump being replaced is 20 years old. Debbie moved to approve the purchase. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated that the 2025 Dubois County Friends of Conservation was awarded to the Ferdinand Parks & Recreation Department. Matt Weyer thanked Jill Schipp, Park Board Member, for her leadership with the conservation efforts, including coordinating the annual Weed Wrangle at the Old Town Lake.

Debbie gave an update on the Redevelopment Commission and stated there are ongoing discussions and still working on the READI Grant.

Debbie Johnson stated that the public meeting for SS4A was held on January 22, 2026. The link for the survey is on [ferdinandindiana.org](http://ferdinandindiana.org). The next committee meeting is on February 25, when HWC will present to the committee the details of the project. After the planning phase is completed in May or June, the next step will be to apply for an implementation grant to move the project along.

Brinkman stated his department is waiting for favorable weather to start the 5<sup>th</sup> Street waterline replacement.

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

Cybersecurity Update– nothing new to report.

Debbie stated that Mike Steffe submitted a grant application, on behalf of the Town, for the sidewalk/trail from the high school property to Old Town Lake, and we are waiting to hear back in the next few months.

Sicard stated that the property tax reform is being addressed by the legislature. Sicard is attending an AIM board meeting tomorrow. AIM is making suggestions and there are ongoing discussions. There will be more to come in the next three weeks.

Eric Rahman stated the Spring Clean-Up is April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> if needed. There are 6 stickers required per household. Pick up is limited to a reasonable amount.

Debbie moved to approve Sicard to sign off on the Deaconess Wellness Services Agreement with the Town for the optional annual employee health screening. The Town will cover the \$45 fee per employee. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve Sicard to sign off on the Demolition Permit submitted by WRE for the properties at 645 Virginia Street and 655 Virginia Street. Neil Weyer was in attendance and stated that utilities have been shut off and capped, and the asbestos has been abated. Ken seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Ron Weyer abstained.

Miller stated that Town issued checks that are outstanding (24 months or more) shall be declared cancelled pursuant to IC Code 5-11-10.5, all checks outstanding and unpaid for a period of two years as of December 31 of each year shall be declared cancelled. General checks totaling \$30,

Sewer checks totaling \$80.12, and Electric checks totaling \$2.25 will be cancelled and deposited into the fund from which they were originally issued. Ron moved to approve. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Resolution 2026-01, a Resolution Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to make the necessary end of the year fund transfers between utility operating, utility depreciation & utility bond funds for the Town of Ferdinand, and Resolution 2026-02, a Resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to make the necessary end of the year fund transfers to balance the 2025 Budget for the Town of Ferdinand, Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve the 2025 Annual Report that will be filed on Gateway and the Fund Report advertised with the Ferdinand News by Miller. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated, we learned of a grant opportunity that the YMCA had and that they needed for the town to show support in the form of a memorandum of understanding concerning a proposed sidewalk and recreational trail – high school to convent. We were unable to schedule a meeting to consider, but as members we individually considered and gave our approval of a drafted MOU with the Tri-County YMCA that was necessary to meet the grant deadline application. Today, we wish to ratify that verbal and written approval by a vote of the membership. Debbie moved to ratify the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tri-County YMCA and the Town of Ferdinand. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Miller's request to attend the ILMCT Training in Plainfield on March 8-12, 2026, for \$450, hotel room, travel, and meals. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Redevelopment Commission	Tuesday	March 19, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	March 17, 2026 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	February 25, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	February 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	March 11, 2026 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	April 27, 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 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

Tamara M Miller

Clerk-Treasurer

Don Sand

Ron W. J.

Doree Jones

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**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



January 2026 Departmental Report:

I am pleased to announce that the department was awarded 3 new AEDs from the heart hospital Deaconess. With the one from the Ferdinand Fire Department, that means all Ferdinand Officers now have an AED in their vehicle we responding to calls. The Ferdinand news, and Ferdinand Marketing were sent the information and a picture with the Officers assigned the new AEDs.

I attended the 911 meeting, nothing to report from that.

Officer Winston Glenn attended the certified breath test school, and has successfully passed, Officer Cole Meyer goes February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sgt Snider passed his firearms prequalification course. He will now need to go to the full firearms course at Indiana Law Enforcement academy, once that opens up.

Officers dealt with the snow and assisted where needed. With the snow, I decided not to attend the Chief's conference, in case more officers were needed here.

Knox County High tech crime unit came and gave some training for cell phones, computers and other items. We will be using them to process some evidence devices.

# 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		January 2026 Calls For Service Report	
			
2026 Year to Date	<b>280</b>		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm		Missing Person Adult/Child	
Animal Complaint	<b>12</b>	Parking Violation	<b>1</b>
Assist Other Agency	<b>9</b>	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	<b>1</b>
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)	<b>1</b>	Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	<b>2</b>
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	<b>29</b>
Civil Matter /Dispute		State Dispatch	<b>6</b>
Citizen Assist	<b>6</b>	Scam	
Debris in Roadway		Security Check	<b>58</b>
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	<b>8</b>	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	<b>2</b>	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	<b>1</b>
Drug Complaint		Theft	
Domestic Problem	<b>1</b>	Traffic Control	<b>10</b>
Escort	<b>1</b>	Traffic Warnings	<b>59</b>
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	<b>4</b>
Extra Patrol		Trespassing	<b>2</b>
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing		Vandalism	
Fire	<b>1</b>	Vehicle Accident	<b>7</b>
General Information	<b>31</b>	Vehicle Check	
Gun Permit		UTV	<b>1</b>
Harassment		Warrant	
Investigation	<b>4</b>	Welfare Check	<b>6</b>
Identity Theft		911 false calls	<b>6</b>
Illegal Dumping		Pursuit	
Intoxicated Person	<b>1</b>	<b>Year End Totals</b>	
Juvenile Incurrrible/Runaway	<b>1</b>	2022 Calls Year End Totals	<b>2593</b>
Lines/ Poles Down	<b>2</b>	2023 Calls Year End Totals	<b>3054</b>
Lost/ Stolen License Plate		2024 Calls Year End Totals	<b>3736</b>
Mental Subject	<b>1</b>	2025 Calls Year End Totals	<b>4950</b>
ICAC Investigation		2026 ICAC Investigation Totals	
Public Relations		2026 Detective Case Totals	<b>4</b>



## FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31

Ferdinand, IN 47532

### 2026 Summary of Incidents

	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>EMR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
<b>MARCH</b>				
<b>APRIL</b>				
<b>MAY</b>				
<b>JUNE</b>				
<b>JULY</b>				
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
<b>DECEMBER</b>				

**Patrick, Dakota, Kevin, and Nick have started their EMR class.**

**Need permission to buy the remaining SCBA packs and bottles, that is in the budget, for \$24,728. That is for 2 packs, 5 bottles, and 2 mask.**

## **Electric Department Report**

Feb 17, 2025

- 1 unplanned outage
  - Line down at 5<sup>th</sup> Street, cause unknown approx. 200 customers for 2 hours.
- Assisted with snow removal
- Approval for purchase of 2 transformers, 1 for a new installation and one for the high school remodel for 54,097.80 total and 22 week lead time to receive the units.



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Street and Park Department

Finished equipment maintenance

Finished repairing and painting some park tables

Big snowstorm went well

Would like to ask for approval to look into updating New Holland TC330 yr 1999 loader tractor.  
All departments will go in on cost.

Also a 12' mower to pull behind to mow lake dams and large open areas. Would save a lot of  
labor and help keeping up mowing. Will have numbers at March meeting.

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	6,644,000
Max. Day	277,000
Min. Day	145,000
Avg. Daily	214,323

Work on 5<sup>th</sup> St is stalled, for weather

3 water meters changed out for failure,  
 3- residential meters  
 1 moved outs

**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)
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	8.322
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			Percent Capacity (actual flow/desig) 38%
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)					

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**Education:**

Ryan Oeding has sent in his letter to IDEM to take his Class 2 Wastewater test.

Permission for Ken and Ben to go to Water Stakeholders meeting in Washington on February 26<sup>th</sup>, No cost to attend but need permission for transportation.

**Other Projects:**

Permission to purchase new Flygt Pump for our RAS pit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 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

Leibring's material list is still being made up and waiting for IDEM approval.

*Benjamin J Brinkman*

Ben Brinkman

Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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## PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

*February 2026*

### **General Park Report**

- The park board met on February 11, 2026.
- The park board welcomed newest member Rich Clark, who started his 4-year term in January. He'll provide great insight, energy, and passion and we're excited to have him on the board.
- Election of board officers was tabled due to a board member's absence.
- The park board held their annual major lease discussions at the February meeting to discuss their league schedules and tournaments as well as any facility needs or concerns. We appreciate the feedback and collaboration with those who presented their ideas. It looks like another busy spring, summer, and fall at the parks. Kyle Lechner will be assisting the board with leases.
- All of the trees purchased last year have been planted at the various parks in an effort to continue our focus of annual tree plantings within the parks.
- According to Eric, the water leak at 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park has been dramatically improved but a small leak still exists and the town departments are still working on it.
- Eric has received about a half dozen applications for the park seasonal employee job posted. In the coming weeks, he will begin interviews, and we hope to have the employee on board by the start of mowing season and spring sports field use.
- The Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District held its annual meeting and awards banquet on Feb. 3rd. The Ferdinand Park & Recreation Department received the "Friend of Conservation Award." The SWCD Supervisors created this special award to recognize individuals or organizations for their efforts in conservation. "For three years now, the department has shown strong commitment to conservation by hosting Weed Wrangle events at Old Town Lake. Their hands-on efforts to remove invasive species and support native habitats have had a lasting positive impact on the Town of Ferdinand." A big thank you goes to Park Board member Jill Schipp for leading this effort.

Matthew Weyer  
February 12, 2026



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**Marketing Dept – Peyton Englert**  
**February 2026 – Town Council Meeting**

*Random website updates.*

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

*250<sup>th</sup> Celebration – preparing ways to celebrate*

*Framing Ferdinand – helping create social media campaign for 2026*

*Ferdinand Folk Fest – preparing social media campaign for 2026 fest*

*Various social media posts*