

TOWN OF FERDINAND  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 19, 2026

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 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.

Ron moved to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2026, Town Council Meeting and the April 27, 2026, Special Meeting. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Rob Randle, Police Chief, requested permission to send Chase Snider to attend the annual DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) training recertification in Bloomington from June 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, and for transportation and Snider's hourly wage. Training and lodging are paid by ICJI. Debbie moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Debbie moved to approve Randle's request to advertise for a police officer to fill the position left by Winston Glenn, who resigned as of May 24, 2026. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Randle reported there is a leak in the police station roof and Eric Rahman is working with a roofing company on the roof repair.

Eric Rahman, Street Superintendent, stated that he received the new mower last week and is working with the salesman address a few issues.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, stated his department has completed 880 feet of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street water main out of the total 1600 feet, and out of the 980 feet needed to reach Michigan Street (CCMG project boundary). He recognized Ryan Oeding for passing the Wastewater Class II Operator License test. Debbie moved to approve Brinkman's request to register Brian Hoffman for the six-week crash course for the Wastewater Class II Operator License, consisting of one day per week of class time. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CCMG 2026-2 paving contract was awarded to Knies Construction earlier this year. Rahman stated Knies would start with Vienna Drive and that he will be meeting with Knies in the next couple of weeks to go over traffic flow and the other paving projects.

Debbie Johnson stated HWC sent the final draft of the SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for review, and it will be presented to the Town Council at the June 16, 2026, TC Meeting.

Sicard stated he received an email from an INDOT Traffic Planning Engineer stating the state has recently developed a sidewalk planning program to fund sidewalks along state routes. They would like to talk to the Town, and if the proposal did move forward, the earliest it could be included in the program is fiscal year 2032.

Miller distributed the accounts receivable report to keep the Council informed. Through the TRECS system, we have recovered \$1,608.71 so far this year.

Cybersecurity plan - nothing new to report.

Debbie Johnson stated that the Town and Redevelopment Commission have done their part to move forward with the grant requirements, and now PIC is working on their final details of the READI 2.0 grant requirements.

Debbie stated we are waiting to hear about a potential grant for the sidewalk/trail from the High School property to the Old Town Lake. Debbie thanked Mike Steffe, who completed the grant application.

Sicard stated AIM is working on Local Income Taxes. AIM reports changes are still being made by the State legislature. The Municipal Unit Strategic Task Force (MUST), per SEA Bill 1, made up of members from the Towns, Cities, County Council, and County Commissioners, will continue to meet.

The Town of Ferdinand's 2026 ADA Transition Plan was presented by Eric Rahman. Debbie moved to approve the Plan. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Miller stated we are waiting on Alpha Engineering to begin the Cost of Service & Rate Design. It is important to conduct this in-depth study with the upcoming rate increase, to be as fair as possible to each classification of electric customer.

Debbie stated she has reached out to Tony Cochran regarding the Town's health insurance policy. The insurance committee will meet at a later date in June or July.

Ron moved to approve three special claims: Universal Design - CCMG 2026-02 Final Design and Bidding Phase \$10,067.05, Universal Design - 2026 ADA Plan \$10,770, and Ferdinand Legion Veterans Memorial - disbursement from the Legion Fund \$2,000. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Kathy Tretter stated that the Sons of the American Revolution will dedicate the America 250<sup>th</sup> Elm Tree at 5<sup>th</sup> Street Park on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Veterans Council will have a ceremony to honor Roman Steltenpohl at 9 am this Saturday at the Dubois County Courthouse. Debbie stated there will be fireworks at the Heimatfest in June to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

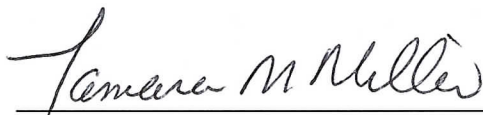
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Redevelopment Commission	Tuesday	June 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	June 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	May 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	May 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	June 10, 2026 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Commission	Monday	July 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Town Council Budget Meeting (to be held at Station 313)	Tuesday	July 28, 2026 at 6:00 AM
Town Council Budget Hearing	Tuesday	August 18, 2026 at 7 PM
Town Council Budget Adoption	Tuesday	September 15, 2026 at 7 PM

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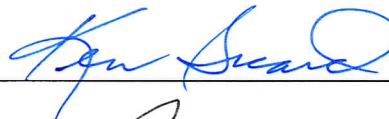
As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

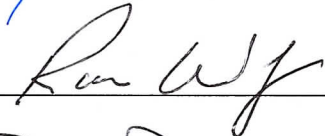
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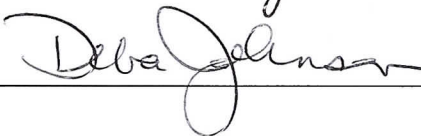


Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL







**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



April 2026 Departmental Report:

So, one of the biggest things I wanted to do since becoming Chief of Police, has now been completed which the "Safe Exchange Zone" this allows residents meet up and do exchanges such as selling items form social media, or exchanging children. This service is completely free and available 24 7 with our cameras systems.

Our newest Flock camera is up and running.

April 1, we assisted in the walk to school from the YMCA to Ferdinand Elementary School.

We got ready for the Framing Ferdinand touches a police vehicle in May.

Sgt Snider has requested to go for his annual DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) training recertification in Bloomington, In. The training is from June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This training and lodging are all paid for by ICJI, so I am asking for permission for use of the car, and Sgt Snider hourly wage.

# 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	334	April 2026 Calls For Service Report 	
2026 Year to Date	919		
Complaint Type	Total		
Alarm	2	Missing Person Adult/Child	1
Animal Complaint	3	Parking Violation	10
Assist Other Agency	25	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	
Battery/ Assault		Protective/Restraining Order	
Burglary (attempted)		Prowler (report of)	
Burning Complaint		Report to Station	1
Child Abuse/Neglect		Return Messages	35
Civil Matter /Dispute	1	State Dispatch	12
Citizen Assist	4	Scam	4
Debris in Roadway	3	Security Check	7
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle		Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	1	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	12
Drug Complaint		Theft	3
Domestic Problem	5	Traffic Control	10
Escort	5	Traffic Warnings	129
Eviction		Traffic Tickets	8
Extra Patrol		Trespassing	1
Fight		Threats/ Intimidation	
Finger Printing		Vandalism	1
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	8
General Information	15	Vehicle Check	
Gun Permit		UTV	3
Harassment		Warrant	
Investigation	3	Welfare Check	3
Identity Theft		911 false calls	3
Illegal Dumping		Pursuit	
Intoxicated Person		<b>Year End Totals</b>	
Juvenile Incurrible/Runaway	1	2022 Calls Year End Totals	2593
Lines/ Poles Down		2023 Calls Year End Totals	3054
Lost/ Stolen License Plate		2024 Calls Year End Totals	3736
Mental Subject		2025 Calls Year End Totals	4950
ICAC Investigation		2026 ICAC Investigation Totals	
Public Relations		2026 Detective Case Totals	4



## 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>1</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>19</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 Recker, Dakota Wiltbank, Nick Werner, and Kevin Adams have passed their EMR testing.**

**Dakota Wiltbank has passed his Firefighter 1 &2 testing.**

## **Electric Department Report**

May 19, 2025

- One unplanned outage
  - north side of town for an hour caused by equipment failure
  - 20 customers
- One planned outage
  - Replacement of Holiday Foods Transformer one hour
- Pole replacements
  - Alabama st area
  - Virginia st area
  - Missouri st area
  - 9<sup>th</sup> st
- New service installations and prep
  - High school
  - Sawmill
- Voltage conversion
  - Conductor upgrade prep in Missouri st area



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## Street and Park Department

JD 4066R Tractor has come in , waiting on mower yet .

Doing blacktop patching for water and sewer cut outs in streets.

Busy mowing ,weed eating ,keeping ballfields in shape , parks .

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	5,982,000
Max. Day	284,000
Min. Day	115,000
Avg. Daily	192,968

### 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project

- 800 ft installed in total
- We are between Delaware and Illinois
- Total of 13 services ran to be able to hook up later
- One water leak will working on main
  - o 4 guys 8 hrs
  - o 80,000 gallons

### Forest Park High School Project

- Valve installation will happen on Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>,
  - o Road cutting will happen the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - o Planned boil advisory will be listed for residents on W 14<sup>th</sup> St between Michigan and Old Town Lake. To install new valving for project.

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**Wastewater:**

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

Solids discharged 2.7 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) 13.61
Percent Removal	BOD5	S.S.	Ammonia	Phosphorus	Percent Capacity (actual flow/desig 63%
Primary Treatment	NA	NA			
Secondary Treatment	NA	NA			
Tertiary Treatment	NA	NA			
Overall Treatment	98.1	96.7	93.5	85.2	
Phosphorus limit would be 75 % removal. (compliance achieved)					

**Education:**

Ryan Oeding passed IDEM Class 2 wastewater test and is now a certified Wastewater Operator

Permission to sign Nick Werner up for Apprentice Wastewater Course through Alliance of Indiana Rural Water starting in July. As well as sign up Brian Hoffman up for Wastewater crash course for his Wastewater Class 2 Certification.

*Benjamin J. Brinkman*

Ben Brinkman

Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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**PARKS DEPARTMENT  
TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

*May 2026*

**General Park Report**

- The park board met on May 13, 2026.
- The board met at the 5th Street Park to conduct the meeting and to tour the park and discuss recent upgrades and future progress.
- The 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park water leak has been resolved.
- The town's purchase of the new tractor and implements has been completed and is being put to good use.
- The park department is busy with mowing/trimming as well keeping the ball fields prepared and ready for all of the league games. The seasonal employees have both been very helpful to the busy spring schedule.
- The next board meeting will be Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Matthew Weyer  
May 17, 2026



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## ***Marketing Dept – Peyton Englert May 2026 - Town Council Meeting***

*Random website updates*

*Various social media posts*

*Folk Fest Social Media*

*Working on new banner artwork for Main  
Street*

*Working with ViV (website developer) on  
updates, mass text alert solutions (Alyrt)*

*Ideas for Station 13 logo*