

TOWN OF FERDINAND

SPECIAL MEETING

July 8, 2026

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Special Meeting at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 8, 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.

Debbie moved to approve Police Chief Randle's request to extend a conditional offer of employment to Dylan W. Massie, subject to passing the drug screening test. Employment would begin on July 10, 2026. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-10, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2025-25 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Full-time Patrolman, Dylan W. Massie, night shift, \$25.00 per hour and an extra \$1.17 night shift differential; 168 hours per work period. Employment to commence July 10, 2026, subject to favorable drug screening results being obtained. Full-time is 168 hours per work period. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper responded to Ron's question regarding Dollar General weeds. Bohnenkemper stated that she has contacted DG, and they requested an extension that is up today. Rahman is ready to ask the Plan Commission to levy fines.

Ron also asked about the weeds in the ditch in front of Casey's. Rahman has contacted INDOT regarding the ditch, which is in the State's right-of-way. Although the Town mowed it last year, it was deemed by those employees/department heads that it was too dangerous for the Town to mow due to the tipping hazard. That information was relayed in department head meetings after last year's attempt at mowing it.

Sicard stated that he spoke to INDOT regarding installing a second radar speed sign North of Town to help slow traffic as they approach Town. Sicard stated there was a meeting with INDOT

regarding a possible sidewalk grant application. The Town may consider a match as part of the application, depending on budget limitations. Miller stated the maximum levy for 2027 was reported to be 6%.

As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL


Tamara M Miller
Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Sicard
Debbie Johnson
