

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 2016

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Debbie Johnson and Ron Weyer Council members, Clerk Treasurer, Beverly Schulthise, and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the April 12th meeting was approved after correction on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. The gentleman from Masterbrand was Scott Denhart. The name in minutes was incorrect. Minutes approved 3-yes, 0-no. Jackson Faulkner, Jarrett Hopf, Bryce Theising, Justine Cline, and Bryce Erwin, students from Forest Park High school were also present to observe the meeting.

Lloyd Froman, Chief gave the April police report. Several officers attended domestic violence class at VUJC. Lloyd completed driver instructor class at Academy. Lloyd will be returning to Academy for firearms instructor class for 5 days. One and half hours training credit will be earned for each hour he instructs. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to approve expenses of meals, travel, and supplies. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Eric Hopkins is in his 9th week at the Police Academy. Resolution 2016-01, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Ferdinand determining that certain property is surplus was passed on first reading on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. There is some surplus equipment the police have that they would be willing to exchange with IN Law Enforcement Academy for training credit at academy.

Dan Lindauer, Fire Chief, was absent. Chris James gave report. There were 16 runs in April, three of which were fires and 13 first responder runs. Two new tires were installed on pumper truck. Dan will not be working for awhile due to surgery and Luke Fleck, Assistant Fire Chief, will take over in his absence with fire department.

Henry Haake said that on May 6th an inspection was done of the water system by IDEM. He is now working on the water loss audit which will need to be reported to IDEM. He attended some training in Greencastle. The final inspection and submission to DNR needs to be done on the new lake. DNR did not complete an inspection following upgrades in 2012. The contract with Banning is still good for them to do this submission, and we were not billed for it. The cost is \$8400 to finish the report to DNR. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to approve the update to contract to continue with inspection and submission to DNR. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. IMEA Spring Conference will be May 17-20th at Indianapolis, IN. Henry would like to attend and stay three nights at Wyndham with food, travel to be also provided. Motion made by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Tom Lueken, Property Manager, trying to clean storm inlets and doing limb pickup after latest storm. He is working on Asset Management Plan. To qualify for INDOT matching grant funds for road, street projects, this will need to be completed. Demi and Anna, summer help, will be doing some of the work along

with Ryan from Wastewater Plant. Once the information is in the computer and part of plan it will be easier to score roads in the future. The Council stressed the importance of getting this done and the recreation girls should make this top priority right now.

Roger Schaefer, Wastewater Superintendent, said there was electrical storm damage at Lift Station #6 and Treatment Plant. Trees were down. He presented a request to purchase from Utility Supply a Mobile data collector which reads meters. It would be installed in the new Wastewater truck we are purchasing and would save time and labor reading meters. The cost is to be divided between electric, water, and sewer departments. Debbie made motion to purchase and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Tom said that Demi Jahn and Anna Hagedorn, part-time park employees will start on Thursday. Natalie Howard is going to work on programs for them to administer. There was a meeting with engineer and Dolores Boeglin about the Old Lake trail project. Ninety-one people sent back surveys about the dog park and most were in favor.

No one was present to say anything at the Public Hearing at 8:00 PM for the sale of real estate property of Town of Ferdinand. Ron made motion and Debbie seconded to go ahead with sale of surplus property to KNU LLC for \$2,250.00. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Chris James, Town Manager said the Folk Festival will be September 17th. Masterbrand donated \$5000 towards Folk Fest. There will be another fundraiser with Beau Troesch playing at the Legion in Ferdinand on June 24th. The Cost is \$10.00 per person to benefit Folk Festival. Vendor applications are on website and deadline for vendors is the middle of July. There will be another singer-songwriter contest and applications are online. Chris said next Wednesday will be another Dubois County Leadership class at Jasper City offices this time. Two teams are working on capstone projects.

Denise Wilhite who lives at 1735 Main Street asked about the noise ordinance in Ferdinand. She would like to see a sign posted in Town that reads "No engine breaking" because of the noise that seems to be getting worse. She has lived on Main Street for 16 years. The Council agreed to look into the matter.

Council asked Mr. Haake to get more quotes from other engineers for the Westside Main replacement project. The quote from Lochmueller Group was \$46,400 which seemed expensive for the scope of work of the project.

The Town is waiting for Rural Development to release an obligation of funds for grant and loan for Phosphorous project. Roger said the sludge is piling up and backing up into the system. He would like to rent some land to put this sludge in the ground. Debbie thought it would be a great idea. Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to approve leasing land, Bill to write the lease with property owner who will rent land, and Bev and Ken to sign these papers as soon as finalized so that Roger can apply the sludge immediately. Thomas Haase is contact person. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The cost is \$10,750.00 to rent 43 acres at \$250.00 an acre.

Ordinance 2016-9, an ordinance amending the Ferdinand Municipal Code Chapter 1.17 regarding purchasing policies was approved on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The

insurance committee will be set up and meetings will start soon. Debbie, Chris, Bev and several employees will be on the committee. Wednesday, July 27th will be the Budget Workshop meeting starting at 6:00 AM at the Town Hall. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to accept the compliance statement of benefits of Promising Properties which is TA-14-4C. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

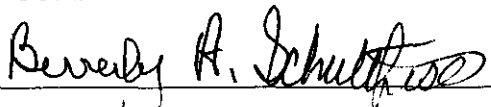
Bill discussed the program INDOT has for a 50/50 grant match program with \$100 million in the coffers for government entities to improve their streets, roads, and ADA sidewalks. Tom and Bill watched a webcast put on by IACT and learned how to go about and pursue matching grant money. The LOIT Special distribution was received already by the Town in the amount of \$165,403.02. State had this money in reserves and the requirement is that 75% of this money needs to be spent on roads, streets, and sidewalks. It can also be used for 50/50 matching grant funds program that INDOT has. The other 25% can be put in Rainy Day Fund. This money received will have to be appropriated by an additional appropriation. Ferdinand will have to have an Asset Management Plan with appropriate drainage and right-of-way already planned for any project. Half of the \$100 million or \$50,000,000 grant money will be set aside and allocated for counties under 50,000 population. Dubois County qualifies. Deadline for application for grant is July 3rd. Application has to be in and project done this year. July 15th grants will be awarded. You can score better based on traffic counts. The Town will need to have their share of the money earmarked for project and appropriated.

Claims in the amount of \$185,673.62 and \$284,056.43 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie made a motion to adjourn and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-Yes 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next regular meeting is June 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will meet on June 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, June 1st, 2016 at 4:30 PM. Zoning Board will meet Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6:30 PM and Plan Commission meeting will be at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:


Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

