

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 2020

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, January 21, in the Town Hall. Present were Council Members Ken Sicard, Deb Johnson, Ron Weyer, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Kendra Schipp. Ron nominated Sicard for President of Town Council. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron nominated Johnson for Vice-President. Sicard seconded. Motion carried 3-0. There were ten Scouts in attendance. Deb moved to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Froman reported for the Police Department. The new police vehicle has been ordered. They assisted with the tree lighting ceremony and Hopkins will attend ground fighting training school in March.

John Hoppenjans reported the Fire Department had 2 fire and 7 EMR runs in December. The department purchased battery-powered extrication tools. ISO completed its annual inspection; results will be here in six months.

Becher reported the Electric Department had no power outages in December. They are doing winter maintenance and preventative maintenance including taking down trees and replacing poles.

Lueken reported the Street Department was able to haul debris from the yard waste lot. They are cleaning the storm inlets with the vetter jac, and clearing dead trees/low limbs at the 18th Street park. They assisted in removing and storing the Christmas decorations

Schaefer reported for the Sewer and Water Departments. They repaired a main leak on 8th Street and Delaware. An invoice amounting to \$8,113.28 has been prepared for Trilogy regarding the services provided to resolve the sewer backup problem. Bohnenkemper will prepare an accompanying letter. Ken moved to approve the invoice. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. There was damage to the Southview Drive entrance by a semi driver. Schaefer requested permission to improve the entrance to Southview Drive with a "dead end" sign and concrete divider stones. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Schaefer requested permission for all town employees to attend the 811-pipeline training session (1/2 day) at Huntingburg Event Center on February 19. He requested permission for his department to attend the WWETT water and sewer equipment expo at the Indianapolis Convention Center on February 18, 19 or 20th including transportation, parking, and a meal. Deb moved to approve the requests. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Weyer reported for the Park Department. They met with the Rosenvolk Festival representatives in regard to limiting camper and camping and the event will be held in October. The major lease meeting will be February 12, 2020. He nominated Jill Schipp, and Sicard appointed Jill Schipp, to fill the open position on the Park Board. Ron moved to approve the appointment. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James reported the Ferdinand Chamber of Commerce held its final meeting on January 14, 2020. Any remaining funds will be moved to the Ferdinand Merchants Group. John Tretter will be the first Executive Director of the newly formed Dubois County Chamber of Commerce. Folk Fest planning is underway. The committee is looking for new volunteers as Sue Fink, Rock Emmert and Chris Lasher have stepped down from the committee after ten years of service. The Board for the Dubois County Leadership Academy will be meeting soon.

At 8:00 PM the Economic Development Commission meeting was held. In attendance were Dan Colligan, President; Roger Corley, Vice-President; and Michael Cummings, Secretary. They have developed an Economic Development Loan Program to encourage new residential development. They requested the adoption of the Revolving Loan Program as presented in Ordinance 2020-01, An Ordinance Approving the Implementation of a Revolving Loan Program to Help Finance the Construction of New Streets in New Residential Subdivisions. Deb moved to adopt the Revolving Loan Fund and the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned.

James requested permission to attend the Designated Employer Representative training in Indianapolis on February 27, 2020, at a cost of \$100, meal and transportation. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. He stated he would get with Bohnenkemper to implement any additional changes she may have for the employee handbook and resubmit all revisions to New Focus and request a revised draft to review.

Sicard will contact an interested person to fill the Plan Commission open position.

Matt Weyer reported on the Old Town Lake project. They met with the Department of Natural Resources on January 8, 2020. There were a couple of minor items that will be addressed. Overall, the project is going well. The trail is not yet open for walkers.

Becher reported the electrical infrastructure project is progressing. They are waiting for regulators.

Sicard is working on the Old Town Lake Dam – ER & Maintenance Plan.

Schaefer is working with Bohnenkemper to set meetings with neighboring property owners on the 5th Street water loop project.

Lueken requested that Sicard sign the Universal Design proposal for Community Crossing

Matching Grant planning and application phase, not to exceed \$3,000, and an additional amount of \$7,500 for the final design and bidding phase, if required. Ron moved to approve the request. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. CCMG call opened January 6, 2020, and closes February 7, 2020. Deb moved to approve Sicard to sign the CCMG Town Commitment Letter. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

With regard to attendance of expos, training sessions, open houses and the like, prior to the council meeting at which approval will be sought, the department heads should provide Chris James with the flyer or notice, so that he can provide to council, to ensure that council knows in advance, what type of event the employee seeks to attend.

Conflict of Interest forms, from Ron Weyer, were accepted on motion by Sicard, seconded by Deb. Motion carried 2-0. Ron recused himself from the vote.

A motion was made by Deb to allow Sicard and Miller to sign off on the contract with Indiana 15 Region Planning Commission for Codification of Ordinances not to exceed \$1,200, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-0.

The Contract for the Use of Municipal Public Parks with the Ferdinand Township was approved for \$28,350 on a motion from Ron and seconded by Deb. Also, in motion, Sicard, and Miller to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-0. The contract will be paid in two installments: \$14,175 on June 30, 2020 and \$14,175 on December 30, 2020. An additional amount of \$10,000 will be paid to the Park services.

The Fire Protection contract with Ferdinand Township was approved for \$38,350 on a motion by Deb and seconded by Ron. Also, in motion, Sicard and Miller to sign the contract. Motion carried 3-0. The contract is to be paid in two installments: \$19,175 payable on June 30, 2020, and \$19,175 on December 30, 2020.

Lueken stated he requested a cost estimate from Universal Design to assist with bidding out the Town Hall exterior remodel, their fees and the overall project.

James is reaching out to eGov Strategies and other website designers to look at a website redesign.

There were two claims received after regular claims were generated. Deb moved to approve a special claim of \$9.99 payable to Meny's True Value. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to approve the invoice for \$54,251.60 payable to Alum-Elec Structures, Inc. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Deb moved to approve regular claims. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The following announcements were read:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

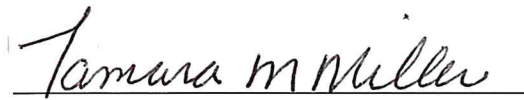
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	February 18, 2020 at 7:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	January 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	January 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	February 12, 2020 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	March 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM

The Council reviewed utility adjustments totaling \$678.57. Ron moved to approve. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adjourn. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer

