

## TOWN OF FERDINAND

### REGULAR MEETING

**December 12, 2017**

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday December 12, 2017 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members, Clerk-Treasurer, Beverly Schulthise, and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the November 14 and 20 meetings meeting were approved on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Several Forest Park High School students were present. They were OliviaBrames, Skyla McKim, Carrington Sisk, Shelley Berger, Luke Jacob, Dustin Luebbehusen, and Lidia Boeglin.

Lloyd Froman reported that Brian held a drug and alcohol class at church. Caleb Lindeman and Steffen Zink submitted their resignation as police officers effective December 31, 2017. Lloyd is looking at current reserve officers who have met pre-basic. Lloyd will pick from two or three officers. Debbie made a motion to accept resignation of officers effective 12/31/2017 and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to authorize proceeding with interviewing and hiring two new officers from reserves. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Lloyd said it will cost \$500 per person to send to Police Academy in Plainfield. He would like to take advantage of the police training instead at Evansville and will not have to pay \$500.00. Lloyd also asked to start looking for new candidates for reserve officers. Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to have Lloyd proceed to fill all the slots in reserve force. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Dan Lindauer, Fire Chief, reported 8 runs for November, four were fires and 4 first responder runs. Dan introduced the new Fire Chief, John Hoppenjans which will go into effect January 1, 2018. The Council thanked Dan for his 12 years of service. Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to accept John Hoppenjans as the new Fire Chief. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Steve Becher, Utility Superintendent, said Lee Court had power outage, replacing poles and replaced a fire hydrant this month. Electric Power Systems will be in to do work on substation. Colin Leinenbach will start January 8, 2018 for the electric department.

Tom reported leaf pick-up will be till December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Roger said IDEM is making changes to sludge program. He asked for Ryan, Steve, and Roger to attend WWETT18 in Indianapolis at IN Convention center. The cost is \$35.00 each. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to pay registration, transportation, parking and meals. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Skid steer bids were opened. Black Equipment of Evansville was awarded the bid for \$46,950 for skid steer. It was decided that if we take delivery without bond could we get a credit and pay amount for skid steer now. The company said they would give a credit but didn't give the amount. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to buy skid steer and get the extra credit. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

The disc golf targets and musical park instruments are in for 18<sup>th</sup> street park. Changes were made for the Park Board. Matt Weyer is Park Board President, Mike Steffe is vice-president, Dolores Boeglin is Secretary, and Natalie Howard is at large member.

Chris James reported the Christmas tree lighting was well attended. He discussed the status of the new Northside sign. It will be in same location where Legion is preparing for the memorial area. Mike Blume is Chamber's new president. There is a 2018 FMLA master class at Indianapolis on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$549.00. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to send Chris to this and pay for registration, transportation, meals, room for one night. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Changer order #1 on Missouri street for \$8074.28 was approved to pay after explanation letter received from Quality Craft Construction on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. The punch list had been completed on Missouri also., Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to pay Quality craft construction \$44,659.73 for Virginia Street and 16<sup>th</sup> water line. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. There is still a punch list item which is survey pin which was removed at Kermit Greulich property by Quality Craft Cons. It was decided to hold back \$1600 from the invoice for survey work needed to possibly put back survey pin. This cost is the responsibility of the contractor. Ron made motion and Debbie seconded to hold back retainage. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Roger said they have hauled 250,000 gals. Sludge to bio-solids site so far. That is 58 loads so far or 12 loads a week run thru system. The punch list has been addressed and some have been taken care of. Number 1, 4, 5 and 9 are completed on punch list. IDEM will be notified of substantial completion. Roger is to contact engineer to have him write official letter to IDEM.

Fire contract for new fire truck was signed and received for records. Fire truck committee is going to plant in mid January. The paperwork was signed for Old Town Lake project. The cost is \$30,700 from Universal for engineering costs on W. 23<sup>rd</sup> street project. Bid letting is set for February and will be awarded at March 13 meeting. Ken will contact Larry Mundy letting him know about accessing his property to look at culvert. Debbie made a motion and Ron seconded to enter into contract with Universal design. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. It was decided to go with United Healthcare Ins. for employee health insurance. There was an increase in cost but not as significant as the IPEP plan we had before. UTV's on streets policy will be added to golf cart ordinance. We will want to keep them out of parks and on trails except allowed in parking lots. Bill was instructed to draft an ordinance related to compression braking in the Town of Ferdinand.

Ordinance 2017-18, an ordinance amending ordinance No. 16-27 regarding salaries, compensation, and wages for elected officials, appointees and employees of the Town of Ferdinand, Indiana was adopted at meeting introduced on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. This relates to Ryan Ernst hourly pay.

Ron made a motion and Debbie seconded to schedule bid opening on 2018 street project at 8:00 PM on January 9, 2018. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. UE health care survey was done by four ladies from Evansville who came to Ferdinand. Ken asked these girls to give their presentation at a later date. Beverly Schulthise,

Clerk-Treasurer submitted her resignation but is willing to help the new Clerk-Treasurer. She will be given the title Deputy Clerk. The roles and responsibilities of this position was approved on motion by Ken and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. A letter received from Greg Rickelman was tabled to address and January meeting. IN 15 Board appointment for the Town of Ferdinand will be Beverly Schulthise on motion by Ken and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Ron made a motion Ken seconded to appoint Debbie Johnson to the Solid Waste Board. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Debbie would like to look at property insurance for Town and was given permission to look at another insurance company. Debbie asked about a camper trailer parked behind Homestead. She thought it was being lived in. The Council will look at information concerning a water rate increase. December 20, 2017 Council will have a special meeting at 6:00 PM.

Claims in the amount of \$553,888.24 and \$494,597.20 were approved to pay on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried to pay regular claims 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 9:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting is January 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on January 9th at 6:00 PM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, January 4, 2018, at 4:30 PM. Zoning Board will meet Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

Tanara M. Miller

Clerk-Treasurer

Ken Secord  
Ron W V  
Debbie Johnson