

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 2020

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, in the Ferdinand Community Center. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Deb Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller; and Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper. Deb moved to approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the written department head reports (attached) were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

Lloyd Froman, Police Chief, reported there was an automobile accident at 5th and 285 E. at the entrance to Trilogy. The visibility is poor leaving the Trilogy complex. Sicard will contact Steve Grundhoefer to investigate the possibility of implementing a four-way stop or other options to make the intersection area safer for motorists. Froman requested three police reserves, Seth M. Eckstein, Scott W. Schuchardt, and Jay W. Giesler be approved by the Council pending drug and alcohol testing. Ron moved to approve the three reserves. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Sicard thanked the new reserves for their service.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, stated the Fireman's Ball will be July 25th, drive-thru meals will be sold beginning at 5 PM at the Ferdinand Community Center.

James obtained a quote from Cleaning Concepts Inc. to clean the 5th Street and 18th Street park shelter houses and restrooms daily at a cost of \$36. Ron moved to accept the quote. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. When the need arises, cleaning the softball and baseball fields, restroom and concession stand will cost an additional \$20 daily.

Schaefer reported the water department will be completing the water loop near 5th Street and water service will be shut off partial days on June 18 & 19. Nearby residents have been informed.

Matt Weyer reported the Old Town Lake project is nearing completion. The final \$10,000 of the \$200,000 grant was released. A soft opening should take place in a few weeks. A grand opening is being planned for late summer or early fall. Dubois County Community Foundation awarded a grant for \$50,000, over three years, to the Old Town Lake project. The Council expressed their gratitude to the Foundation.

Becher, the electric superintendent, reported the testing of the new substation is nearing completion.

Lueken, Street Superintendent, will review the road inventory and apply PASER ratings documenting the road pavement condition. Deb moved to allow Lueken to proceed with the application process for the second round of Community Crossing Grants and engage Universal to compile the specifications at the Town's cost. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Applications are due by July 31, 2020.

Ordinance 2020-09, an Ordinance Amending Salary Ordinance 2019-30 Regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees for Elected Official, Appointees and Employees establishing the Part-Time/Seasonal Park Employee, Brian Mullis, at \$12.00 per hour and Wastewater Apprentice, Chase Schwenk, at \$17.50 per hour (for the first 1,000 hours; \$17.80 for the second 1,000 hours) effective June 1, 2020, was introduced. Ron moved to adopt the Ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the Emergency Order is still in place and will continue through the date of the next Town Council meeting and will be updated as new guidelines are set by the Governor of Indiana. The Ferdinand Town Council, BZA and Plan Commission will meet at the Community Center through the end of 2020.

Bohnenkemper stated the Memorandum of Understanding has been sent to Memorial Hospital and is awaiting signature.

Bohnenkemper presented Vincennes University with the new 3-year lease for the Senior Citizens Center that was previously reviewed by the Council. VU has signed the lease and it is in the mail. Deb moved to allow Sicard to sign the lease agreement, on behalf of the Town, when it is received from Vincennes University. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

After the May meeting, Pavement Sealing Company of Evansville submitted an updated proposal to include the removal of existing striping for \$415 and they have been notified of the award.

Lueken reported the Town Spring Clean-Up dates will be August 11-13, 2020.

Miller reported there are several renderings of the Town Hall exterior renovation project for the Council to review. She will then meet with Universal enabling them to put together a final rendering and cost estimates. After Council approval, the project will be put out for bid.

Mike Brandis requested the demolition of the structure at 435 Virginia Street (previously owned by Jasper Seating). After reviewing the demolition application from Ranger Realty LLC, certificate of insurance, and bond, Deb moved to approve the demolition permit for Ranger Realty. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Demolition to begin pending receipt of certified mail correspondence receipts, certification regarding hazardous materials, and compliance with the provisions of demolition.

Miller stated the new Town website is up and running smoothly. To keep the site accurate and up to date, any suggestions or updates should be directed to Kendra Schipp or Miller.

Miller reported to comply with the July 1, 2020, Indiana ban on holding cell phones, the Town purchased 18 BTFreq FM Scosche transmitters for cell phones for Town vehicles.

Bohnenkemper is working with New Focus to finalize updates to the employee handbook and might be ready for department heads to review by the July meeting.

Ron moved to approve a special claim from Power Construction for \$32,292.20. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Council approved the activation of the security lights in the County Ridge Estates subdivision.

The following announcements were read:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	July 21, 2020 at 7:30 PM at FCC
Town Council Budget Meeting	Wednesday	July 22, 2020 at 6:00 AM at Town Hall
BZA	Wednesday	June 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM at FCC
Plan Commission	Wednesday	June 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM at FCC
Park Board	Wednesday	July 8, 2020 at 4:30 PM at Town Hall
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	July 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall

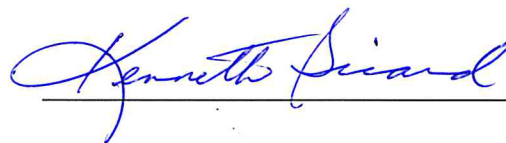
Deb moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer







Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

Phone: 812-367-1806 / Fax: 812-998-2094

Chief of Police: Lloyd Froman

Assistant Chief: Brian Seffernick

Total Calls For Service		Calls For Service Report May 2020 	
Miles Driven	170		
Total Gallons	4862		
Average MPG	441		
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	3	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	7	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	1	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	0
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	1
Child Abuse/Neglect	0	Return Messages	50
Civil Matter /Dispute	0	State Dispatch	8
Citizen Assist	0	Scam	1
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	0
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	2	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	2
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	7	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	1
Domestic Problem	7	Traffic Control	1
Escort	2	Traffic Warnings	8
Eviction	0	Traffic Citations	6
Extra Patrol	0	Trespassing	3
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	2
Fire	1	Vehicle Accident	6
General Information	22	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	2
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	10
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	2
Investigation	1	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	3
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	4
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrible/Runaway	0		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	1		
Mental Subject	0		

FERDINAND POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Complaint Type	Lloyd	Brian	Ted	Rob	Eric	Tom	Christian	Joshua	Kyle	Total	
Mental Subject										0	
Missing Person Adult/Child										0	
Parking Violation										0	
Property Lost/Found/Recovered										0	
Protective/Restraining Order										0	
Prowler										0	
Report To Station				1						1	
Return Messages	8	11	7	5	9	5	5			50	
State Dispatch		1	2	1	3		1			8	
Scam		1								1	
School Check										0	
Suicide/or a Suicidal person				1			1			2	
Suspicious Person/Vehicle		1	1	1	1	1	1			6	
Theft			1							1	
Traffic Control			1							1	
Traffic Warnings				3			5			8	
Traffic Citations				3			3			6	
Trespassing			1	1			1			3	
Threats/ Intimidation										0	
Vandalism			1		1					2	
Vehicle Accident			1	2		1	2			6	
Vehicle Accident Leaving The Scene										0	
Vehicle Check				1		1				2	
Vehicle Lock Out		2	4	1	1	1	1			10	
Warrant				1	1					2	
Weather Related Problems										0	
Welfare Check			2		1					3	
911 False Calls			1	1			2			4	
										0	
Total Calls	20	25	32	27	25	12	29	0	0	0	170
Miles Driven	260	520	945	610	673	1055	799				4862
Total Gallons	24	30	89	75	51	101	71				441
Average MPG	10.8333	17.333	10.618	8.133	13.1961	10.44554	11.25352	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	11.02



FERDINAND **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

SERVING PROUDLY SINCE 1905

Officer	Warnings	Citations	Cited for	Total
Lloyd	0	0		0
Brian	0	0		0
Ted	0	0		0
Rob	3	3	DWS, Speeding 52/30, Unsafe Start	6
Eric	0	0		0
Tom	5	2	Speeding 62/35, 68/45	7
Christain	1	0		1
				0

Note:

Eric made two arrests for Domestic Battery, one arrest for Invasion of Privacy, and one arrest for Disorderly Conduct.



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SERVING PROUDLY SINCE 1905

Officer	Warnings	Citations	Cited for	Total
Adam	0	0		0
Josh	0	0		0
Kyle	0	0		0
	0	0		0
	0	0		0
	0	0		0
	0	0		0
	0	0		0

Reserve	Hours
Adam	2
Josh	19
Kyle	2



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31

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2020 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	3	13		16
FEBRUARY	2	6		8
MARCH	2	6		8
APRIL	4	5		9
MAY	3	7		10
JUNE				
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

We assisted with Run For the Fallen held in town with displaying the United States flag

We also flew the United States flag on Memorial Day in the Legion parking lot

406 was out of service for around a week while it had a sensor go bad in the DEF exhaust system. It was covered under warranty.

Our annual Firemen's Ball will be held July 25th with drive through meals only at the Ferdinand Community Center. We will also still have our raffle.



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Electric department report

Two outages to report

Squirrel got between phases on S.H.I.P.R. , blowing fuse and tripping recloser. Had to replace cutout. 15 customers out about 40 minutes

Two days later a bird shorted out recloser at sub tripping breaker on southwest circuit

Replaced 3 phase pole on west 3rd

Built 600 amp 3 phase line from new sub to 7th street so we can convert circuit to 12 kv

Converted a section on 6th street and Maryland to 12 kv

Testing was completed on new sub. One recloser didn't test out. Alpha contacted manufacturer, waiting on instructions. However, we have spare, so this should not slow down progress

Contracter finishing up



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Town Council Meeting Notes

June 16th, 2020

Departmental Report

The enhanced retention area we bid out is reshaped and seeded in as of Friday [June 12th](#).

Started doing road repair and patching.

Did some weed control in right-of-ways.

Repaired a couple storm drains

Cleaned out sewer drains twice at the lower restroom at 18th Street don't know what is being flushed down the toilets.

Landscaping and redoing some landscaping and doing some parking lot grading at Old Town Lake project.

Doing the best we can with the split up crew.

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June 12, 2020

Water:

Hydrant Flushing completed

Installing East 5th Street Water Main Project, only 200 feet to go as of June 12, 2020

Hope to be completed sometime next week.

Chase Schwenk started on June 1st

Re-locate Hydrant on East 8th Street

Water Leak to Dr. Riddle Medical Building repaired

Wastewater:

Working on Headworks Raw Pumps

Replaced 2 VFD's at headworks

30 HP Pump has to be replaced its 21 years old, water cooling jacket rusted out and they don't make this pump anymore

Gate problems at complex called out several times over the past few weeks. Re-set system and a wait and see if things work out

Work on plant Maintenance

Ryan and Chase and myself went thru training part of the requirements of the Grant



PARKS TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

June 2020 Report

General Park Report

- The park board met on June 10, 2020. New meeting procedures set forth by the town council were adhered to.
- Major Park Leases
 - Major leases for the various sports leagues were discussed. Many of the leagues have cancelled their seasons. Refunds are being provided to those groups.
 - Here are an updated list of 2020 event statuses:
 - All July Tournaments cancelled
 - Folkfest is cancelled
 - Girls Softball leagues are cancelled
 - Boys Little League is cancelled
 - Forest Park Youth Soccer played for about a month. We will offer them ½ of their payment back.
 - Heimatfest is cancelled
 - Not sure what is going on with SP&F Football
 - YMCA league plans to start soon.
 - Unsure if Rosenvolk will take place in October. Have not been contacted by them.
 - The summer Parks & Rec program was cancelled.
- The park has decided to not allow any July softball tourneys due to lack of resources to maintain the park's sanitary and cleaning responsibilities on weekends. Refunds are going to be issued.
- In addition to the mowing and sanitation responsibilities, Tom and his crew have been:
 - Repairing/reconstructing a ditch
 - Preparing the ballfields for reopening
 - Repaired/patched the asphalt parking lot
- We are still searching for a part-time seasonal employee.

Park Cleaning & Sanitation

- The parks are following the State's Back on Track standards and directives.
- Chris has posted a reopening plan – June 15 to July 4
 - Restrooms are open and being cleaned daily (M-F).
 - Playgrounds, basketball courts, ballfields, horseshoe pits are all open for use.
 - Walking paths and shelter houses are open for use.



PARKS TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

- Shelter house rental cleanup procedures were discussed and remain the same as prior to the pandemic.
- Park cleaning and sanitation processes were discussed. A daily assignment for town employees was shared by Chris James. Tom Lueken noted that this sanitation is very taxing on his department and takes approximately 3-hours per day for an employee to complete. Tom asked that vacations and backup plans be worked out by Chris and a more thorough plan be considered. According to Tom, other park responsibilities are being delayed due to the implementation of the cleaning.
- The park board asked Chris to investigate additional outside cleaning companies or hiring an additional employee to provide the sanitation and cleaning of the parks so that the parks department employees can focus on their current responsibilities—given the fact that we are still down one seasonal part-time employee already. This was discussed in the previous council meeting.
- Additionally, portable hand sanitizers were deployed around the parks.

Old Town Lake

- Contractors, Universal Design, Lisa Gehlhausen – Reg 15, Tom Lueken, and I all performed a final punch list walk-through on May 7th. There are some remaining items that require mitigation prior to substantial completion. We are awaiting a final response from Seufert Construction on when these items will be remedied. We are still holding retainage.
- The Ferdinand Park Board received a \$50,000 grant from the Dubois County Community Foundation. It is a 3-year pledge to be used on phase 2 projects at the Old Town Lake. The breakdown agreed to was: 2020 - \$20,000, 2021 - \$18,000, and 2022 - \$12,000. The park board is meeting to discuss how these funds can get utilized.
- All funds from our \$200,000 grant have been received by the IN DNR.
- When time permits, Tom and his crew will begin installing the construction bollards when time permits.
- We are hoping to open the park to the public in the next month after Seufert Construction and its subs are finished.

Matthew Weyer
13 June 2020



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING

1 – An updated, daily cleaning schedule for Park bathrooms and shelter houses is now in Week 2. All 3 full-time employees of the Property & Street Department have been assigned one day a week, on a rotating basis, to ensure the Tuesday shift is not covered by Monday's trash truck driver. Part-time Park employee Brian Mullis is slotted in for duty on Mondays, while I am taking the Friday shift. In the event of vacation or illness, then either Brian or I will fill in. Eric, Scott and Dan have been able to complete their work in about 2 hours, while Brian and I take about 2 ½ hours. One way we are limiting the amount of time spent cleaning, is by keeping all ball field bathrooms closed until absolutely necessary. With all July tourneys cancelled, this takes us into August at the earliest before these areas would need to be cleaned, by which time further modifications of the cleaning schedule may be made.

As Matt mentioned in his report, under Stage 4 guidelines, all of our ball fields and playground equipment is now open and available to the public. However, the playground equipment is not being sanitized by the Town. Visitors are being asked to do their own wipe down prior to and after their children have finished playing, while also having everyone wash their hands and use sanitizer while on site. New signage which reflects our new cleaning schedule and the openness of the playground areas will be posted as soon as they are completed. As I write this, two cleaning companies are coming to Ferdinand Tuesday, to offer quotes for handling the cleaning and sanitizing work. I hope to present some type of financial info at the Council meeting, and possibly make a final decision as to how to proceed.

2 – The 2020 Ferdinand Folk Festival has been officially cancelled, due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns- specifically social distancing for the large hillside crowd that gathers for the evening performers, as well as health concerns with many of our

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Merch Tent volunteers, who are in the at-risk age category. This decision was announced just after the Memorial Day holiday. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding and remind everyone the Folk Festival will return on September 18, 2021.

3 – We are presently finalizing the applications and recommendation letters for the 2020 Dubois County Leadership Academy. Restrictions due to the coronavirus lead to a delay in starting this year's program, but we were able to reschedule our sessions, from a planned April opening and August graduation, to a mid-July initial gathering and an early November graduation. Thankfully, our featured speaker for the first session, Tad Dickel, was able to make his schedule fit our revised time frame. Applications are still being taken through Friday, June 26.

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