

TOWN OF FERDINAND
REGULAR MEETING
February 20, 2018

The Ferdinand Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday February 20, 2018 in the Town Hall. Present were President, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer and Debbie Johnson, Council members, Chris James the Town Manager, and Town Attorney, Bill Shaneyfelt. Minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Lloyd Froman reported calls for January. The officers have been informed of the new ordinances regarding compression braking and off-road vehicles. He placed an ad in the paper for Reserve Officers. He received new radios from EMA and thanked Tammy Humbert and Gary Fritz for obtaining radios for the force. Officer Anderson is now at the Academy in Evansville.

John Hoppenjans, Fire Chief, reported five fire runs and nine first responder runs were made in January.

Chris James reported for Steve Becher, there were 2 power outages in January. Colin Leinenbach is now in the "on call" rotation. Chris stated the Sunrise Drive Water Line/Fire Hydrant project is estimated to be approximately \$40,000. This reflects the fact that they are able to use 10 inch pipe left from a previous job of approximately \$22,000 reducing the cost of this project. Bids were presented from 2 suppliers for parts. The low bid on parts was \$15,334.05. A second bid from Fortiline was \$15,477.57. A motion was made by Ron to accept the low bid from Utility Supply of \$15,334.05. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. It was noted that \$22,000 of the costs be credited to previous project and applied to the current job. The proposed new utility building is on hold for now.

Ken reported that he received a retirement notice from Mike Lanman effective as of December 21, 2017. A motion was made by Ron to accept his retirement and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Tom Lueken reported in January he received a call there was a hole in the street at Northview and 21st Street. It has been temporarily fixed and the 50 foot pipe will be replaced at a cost of \$4,309. When weather permits the permanent repair will be done. He is working with Ryan to update the ADA compliance plans. He requested permission to attend Purdue Road School with 2 nights stay,

transportation and meals March 6-8, 2018. A motion was made by Deb to approve his attendance, transportation and meals, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Roger Schaefer reported his department installed a new sewer service line to Daunhauer property. Request was made for Roger and interested employees to attend the 811 training at Reflections in Huntingburg on February 21st from 7:30-10:00. Debbie made a motion to approve the attendance request and Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Roger noted big foot truck bids will be opened at the next meeting.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, gave a park update. They are hoping to have an open house in April. Tom has started on the musical pad at 18th Street Park. They are reviewing quotes to resurface the 5th Street Park playground area. The next park meeting will be their major lease meeting on March 14 at 4:30 PM.

During the emergency siren test, one siren was not working and has been repaired. Chris James gave an update of the Dubois County Leadership Academy. He gave an update of Folk Fest planning. A ceremony will be held at the Town Hall on February 23 declaring the Mobel property as "Indiana Site Certified". He will represent the town at the Senior Reality Day at Forest Park Saturday.

John Wetzel from Midwestern Engineers gave a Phosphorus Project update. Graves has completed their punch list with a few exceptions, mainly seeding and the fence. The Certificate of Substantial completion was signed. He requested approval of the Midwest Engineering invoice of \$18,509.98 and the Graves invoice of \$95,191.40. Debbie made a motion to allow Ken to sign off on the invoice from Graves in the amount of \$95,191.40 seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no. Debbie made a motion to allow Ken to sign off on the invoice from Midwest Engineering in the amount of \$18,509.98, motion was seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

It was communicated that the county is seeking monetary compensation for the degradation of 475 East County Road. The council determined this situation is between Graves and the County, not the Town.

Fire Chief John Hoppenjans stated there is no start date set for the new fire truck. Old truck value is estimated to be \$6,000-\$9,000.

Matt Weyer, Park Board President, stated Universal design submitted plans for the Old Town Lake Project that the board is reviewing. They are still doing DNR pre-requisites before putting out for bids.

Tom Lueken gave a timeline of the W. 23rd St. Project Design. He communicated that there will be a need for a special meeting to receive bids to be able to meet the INDOT April 15 deadline. That date was not set at this time. Tom requested permission to advertise for bids on the 23rd Street project. Bid opening will be on March 13th at 8:30 PM. A motion was made by Debbie to authorize advertise for bidding. The motion was seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Roger gave an update of the Sisters' utilities project.

There was discussion regarding the water rate increase. Bill had done a calculation based on a 19% increase. A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Debbie to implement a water rate increase of 15%. Motion carried 3-0. Bill Shaneyfelt will analyze the numbers based on a 15% increase. The rate increase will be introduced at the March meeting. It will be scheduled for Hearing at the April 10th meeting for final approval. The rate increase will take place in May. There will be a need for another rate study in the end of 2019 or beginning of 2020 to revisit rates.

Chris James was in contact with Rickelman who has chosen to construct his part of the fence. The Town will construct the Town's part of the fence and will be coordinated by Chris James.

Tom Lueken reported he is waiting for quotes for the Senior Citizens Building doors.

Matt Weyer requested the process begin to allow the park to transfer \$46,000 unspent funds from the 2017 budget to the 2018 budget. It was requested that a hearing date for the Additional Park Appropriation of \$46,000 be set for April 10, 8 PM and the appropriate notice to the public be initiated. A motion was made by Ron to approve the hearing date as stated above. The motion was seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Resolution 2018-03, a resolution to sell body armor vest to Jasper Police Dept. for \$300 was introduced. A motion was made by Debbie to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

A motion was made by Debbie to allow Ken Sicard and Tamara Miller to sign off on the contract with the Indiana 15 Region Planning Commission for Codification of Ordinances for \$1,200, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

A motion was made by Ron to allow Ken Sicard and Tamara Miller to sign off on the contract with the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission for updating the Town of Ferdinand Base Map for \$700, seconded by Debbie. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

The check #5280 to Alyssa Fleck for \$74.91 that was never cashed was approved to put back into the sewer fund on motion by Debbie and seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Claims in the amount of \$409,996.52 and \$1,098,764.52 were approved to pay on motion by Ron and seconded by Debbie. Motion carried to pay regular claims 3-yes, 0-no.

Ken, as a board member of AIM, requested permission to attend AIM dinner in Indianapolis on Feb. 26. A motion was made by Debbie to approve his attendance, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

Ordinance 2018-04, an ordinance amending the Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Code Violations Procedures was introduced. A motion was made by Debbie to accept the Ordinance at the meeting introduced, seconded by Ron. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no.

There was motion by Debbie to have Ken Sicard and Tamara Miller sign the annual Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements Form CF-1 related to the Sisters of St. Benedict Benet Hall Tax Abatement. The motion was seconded by Ron. 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 8:55 PM.

The council will meet again in regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting of Economic Development Commission will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 AM. The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 4:30 PM. The Zoning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 6:30 PM and the Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL





Clerk-Treasurer

