

TOWN OF FERDINAND

SPECIAL MEETING

May 4, 2020

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Special Meeting at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 4, 2020, in the Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Deb Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller; and Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper.

Miller stated that Kendra Schipp, Deputy Clerk, has the ability to create a Town website using WIX, a website design software. The maintenance of the website could be done in-house using WIX for a fee of \$49/month. The current web contract is with eGov Strategies LLC, has an annual fee of \$2,220, and will expire on June 10, 2020. The Town is required to give notice 30 days' before the contract anniversary date if it will not renew the contract. The new web site focuses on providing a clear, easy to navigate site that provides Ferdinand residents with important information related to utilities and Town operations. The council has had an opportunity to explore the website and agrees that it meets the needs of the Town. Ken cautioned and reminded that the new website would have to meet ADA requirements. Ron moved to allow Bohnenkemper to provide notice to eGov Strategies LLC that the Town will not be renewing the contract. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The water department requested permission to replace the boat used for treating the Town lakes. The current boat is rated with a 295-pound weight limit and has a patched hole. For a cost of \$900 he would like to purchase the following: 14 ft U-Hull Boat with a 925-pound rating – used, Boat Trailer – used, Trolling Motor (30 Lb. thrust), Deep Cycle Battery and Float Charger. He also requested the old boat be declared surplus. Deb moved to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated costs for Covid-19 expenses incurred by the Town will be reimbursed by the State based on Town population. The Town is responsible for tracking and submitting the request.

Sicard reviewed the Covid-19 procedures that will be necessary for all Town meetings. The May, June, and July Town meetings will be held at the Ferdinand Community Center if the venue is available. A memo will be compiled and distributed summarizing new procedures.

Sicard stated that utilities will not be disconnected due to non-payment during this time. Local law enforcement is not responsible for enforcing rules related to state-established limits on the number of people allowed to gather. Complaints are handled by Indiana OSHA.

The following announcements were read:

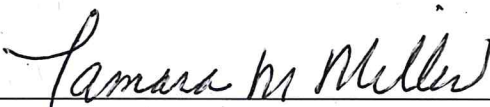
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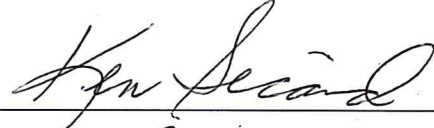
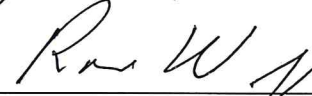
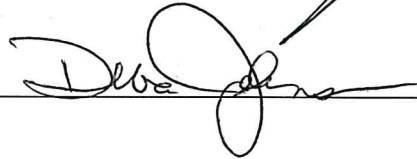
Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	May 19, 2020 at 7:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	May 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	May 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	May 13, 2020 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	May 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Ron moved to adjourn. Deb seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

  
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