

TOWN OF FERDINAND

REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 2023

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Kayla Hoffman.

Debbie Motioned to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Council Meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Department reports (attached) were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

Ben Brinkman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, requested permission to send Kyle Lechner, Mike Tobin, and Colin Leinenbach to GIS training May 18th-19th. Cost will be \$981.00 including hotel rooms with additional costs of meals and transportation. Ron moved to approve the request. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chris James, Town Manager, relayed that he, Bohnenkemper, Miller, Kayla Hoffman and the department heads met with Josh Schermerhorn the Town's new IPEP representative on March 13th. A flagger training session for town employees has been scheduled for May 4th at the Ferdinand Community Center Mobil Room. Josh will do a walk-through inspection of all departments after flagger training is completed.

James requested to move forward with planning a Total Eclipse event on April 8, 2024. The Town will work with the Ferdinand Merchants and Ferdinand Tourism on this event. Debbie moved to create a committee to plan the event. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Brinkman stated that we received a letter from IDEM that they received our permit application. We should hear from IDEM around the June timeframe.

Sicard relayed that the Builders Club Honor & Remember Flags have been delivered. The Council approved the purchase five flags at the November meeting. When the flags were dropped off the Town was notified that the flags were graciously donated to the Town.

Mike Becher, Shepherd Insurance LLC DBA EMC, gave a status update of the property and workers compensation insurance premiums and claims history. The Town is 11% better than peers with rates.

Executive Director of Indiana 15, Nathan Held, introduced himself as he has recently been promoted to Executive Director. He stated that Indiana 15 is celebrating their 50th anniversary and gave the Council information on what type of services Indiana 15 can provide to the Town.

Ron moved to appoint Andrea Shnaus to the BZA. She will finish out Matt Widolff's remaining term ending December 31, 2023. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to appoint Jenna Jones to the BZA. She will take over Andy Rohleder's remaining term ending December 31, 2024. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Hoffman gave an update on the outstanding utility accounts receivables.

Tom Lueken, Street Superintendent, stated that Brinkman has completed his work with waterlines on 3rd Street it is ready for the paving process. Lueken Called Calcar and is awaiting a response on when they can pave the road.

Debbie moved to accept Knies Construction's Bid of \$737,222.50 Base Bid #1 along with \$14,100.00 Alternate Bid #1 for CCMG 2022-02. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CCMG 2023-01 application has been submitted.

Bids will be opened for the Attorney & EMS Building Renovations at 7:15 PM at the April 11th Town Council Meeting.

Police Station exterior renovations were added to the ARP plan. Lueken will look into estimates for renovating the exterior of the building and present it to Council.

The purchasing of a Street Department Ton Truck was added to the ARP plan. Lueken will send out a letter requesting quotes that will be opened at the May meeting. Municipalities receive a discount starting in April.

Town clean up dates will take place on April 4th, 5th, & 6th. Residents will need a total of 6 stickers for all items they are disposing.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-04, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.33, of The Town of Ferdinand Municipal Code Regarding Electric Rates and Charges, at the meeting it was introduced. This ordinance states that property owners and contractors are not to tamper with Town of Ferdinand electric infrastructure. If tampering occurs fines will be given for violations. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-05, An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Ferdinand Municipal Code to Provide for Shut Off Requirements on the evening it was presented. This ordinance requires proper shut offs and capping in instances where a structure is removed from

the water or sewer system. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper requested her tuition be paid to attend a webcast training on May 10, 2023 on access to public records. Debbie motioned to approve the request. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to pay regular claims. Ron seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

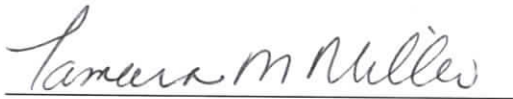
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	April 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM
BZA	Wednesday	March 22, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Plan Commission	Wednesday	March 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	April 12, 2023 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	May 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM

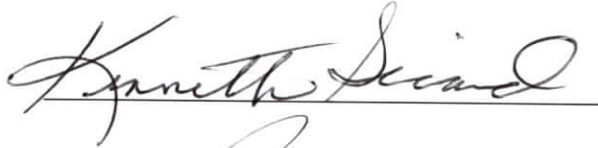
As there was no further business to discuss, Ron moved to adjourn. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL



Clerk-Treasurer







Ferdinand Est. 1905



Police Department

243 West 10th Street Ferdinand, Indiana 47532

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

Chief of Police: Kerri Blessinger

Assistant Chief: Christian Gogel

1. The Ferdinand Police Department took part and presented at the Town Safety Meeting. I presented the staff of the Town as well as staff members of GAB with de-escalation training.
2. The SD7 Radios that were approved at the last meeting were ordered and have arrived. We will be working in the upcoming weeks to have them programmed and issued to our officers.
3. The FLOCK system was ordered and will have a contract forth-coming. We have also had several meetings with other members.
4. The Ferdinand Police Department is continuing to search for police vehicle solutions that would save the Town of Ferdinand for the purchase and outfitting of police vehicles.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Blessinger, Chief of Police

Ferdinand Police Department

243 W 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana 47532

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Total Calls For Service		<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Calls For Service Report 2022  </div>	
197			
Complaint Type	Total	Complaint Type	Total
Alarm	3	Missing Person Adult/Child	0
Animal Complaint	1	Parking Violation	0
Assist Other Agency	18	Property Lost/Found/Recovered	2
Battery/ Assault	0	Protective/Restraining Order	0
Burglary (attempted)	0	Prowler (report of)	0
Burning Complaint	0	Report to Station	0
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	Return Messages	19
Civil Matter /Dispute	5	State Dispatch	9
Citizen Assist	0	Scam	0
Debris in Roadway	0	Security Check	1
Disabled/Stranded Vehicle	0	Suicide/or a Suicidal Person	0
Disturbance/Disorderly Person	0	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	8
Drug Complaint	0	Theft	3
Domestic Problem	0	Traffic Control	0
Escort	3	Traffic Warnings	31
Eviction	1	Traffic Citations	4
Extra Patrol	9	Trespassing	2
Fight	0	Threats/ Intimidation	0
Finger Printing	0	Vandalism	1
Fire	0	Vehicle Accident	8
General Information	21	Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene	0
Gun Permit	0	Vehicle Check	4
Harassment	0	Vehicle Lock Out	0
Hazardous/ Not Chemical	0	Warrant	1
Investigation	0	Weather Related Problems	0
Identity Theft	0	Welfare Check	6
Illegal Dumping	0	911 false calls	13
Intoxicated Person	0		0
Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway	0		
Lines/ Poles Down	0		
Lost/ Stolen License Plate	3		
Mental Subject	1		



FERDINAND FIRE DEPT.

221 E. Fourth St. P.O. Box 31
Ferdinand, IN 47532

2023 Summary of Incidents

	FIRE	EMR		TOTAL
JANUARY	2	12		14
FEBRUARY	2	13		15
MARCH				
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER				
OCTOBER				
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER				

Truck 402 update, Ruxers say the new motor shows a ship date of March 23 and he hopes to have it at the shop by the 28th.

Electric Department Report

Mar. 21, 2023

- No unplanned outages
- Pole change outs east side of main street area
- Tree pruning finished
- Starting to move electric at Town Hall island for tree planting



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Received a message from IDEM my request dated March 6, 2023 to end our vegetative composting registration and close the composting site is approved. An inspection of the site was conducted. "Based the information you provided in your request and on the information from the inspection, the site is considered properly closed."

Clean up of downed and uprooted trees and reworked a retention dam along walking trails at 18th Street Park.

Reworked a drainage ditch along the access road to the football field at 5th Street Park.

Cleanup a lot of limbs and yard waste that was dumped at 23rd street site after all the strong winds in the past weeks.

Helped the sewer department with some storm drain repairs on 3rd Street near Michigan.

Started with weed control in some places in Town.

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Water:

MRO's filed with IDEM

- 1 Water leak this month totaling 74,000 gals lost
 - 1 call out for water main leak on the 14th of March
 - 6 guys 3 hrs.
 - March 14th at 3rd & Illinois Street
 - Main being replaced blew off an old pipe fitting

3rd Street Project

New Main between Main and Michigan Streets has passed both bacteria tests and is tied in to the main systems, service taps to connected in the next weeks

Main from Illinois to Alabama Street is tapped and started to head towards Alabama from Illinois.

February usage:

Total Gallons	6,595,000.00
Max. Day	289,000.00
Min. Day	174,000.00
Avg. Daily	235,535 gals

Wastewater:

Monthly IDEM reports are submitted

Monthly plant flow 11.99 Million gallons

61% capacity

Solids discharged 5.5 mg/l per day average

Phosphorus levels of .5 mg/l out of a limit of 1 mg/l average

Had one Sanitary Sewer Overflow this month with 1 VFD failing to kick in third pump during heavy rains on the day of March 3rd, 2023

Over 3 inches in rain reported

Total plant influent of 2.2 Million gallons

Once pump was put in hand we were able to keep level at bay at headworks

With this being the second failure in 2 months on this VFD I am currently pricing out a rebuild for the control box like that of lift station 2A per suggestion of our electrician.

All reports have been filled with IDEM

Lift Station 2A

Automation Enclosures received parts this past week and are currently prebuilding what they can before coming up to install.

In a separate note,

Clint will be retaking his Wastewater II exam in the next two weeks

Education:

Scott received his Scholarship from Hawkins Water Treatment Company for \$1000 to help pay for his apprentice program Thursday at the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Conference in French Lick.

Asking permission to send Kyle Lechner, Mike Tobin, and Colin Leinenbach to Indianapolis for the WTH GIS Training Conference May 18th-19th to include rooms \$981 total for all three plus meals

Ben Brinkman

Water/Wastewater Superintendent



PARKS DEPARTMENT TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

March 2023

General Park Report

- The park board met on March 8, 2023.
- The park department has been busy preparing the ball fields for this spring's flurry of activities at both parks. Leagues have been or will be starting in the next few weeks.
- According to town employees, we've seen an increase in the amount of residents (or non-residents) using our park ball fields for dogs to play in and not picking up the pet waste after the dogs. Please remember that these fields are not to be used in that manner and that children will soon be playing ball on the fields. Signs are posted on the field gates.
- All park restrooms are in the process of being opened up this month.
- Pickleball court nets will also be put up at the 18th St Park this month.

Matthew Weyer
March 20, 2023



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TOWN MANAGER TALKING POINTS FOR MARCH 21, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

1 – Ken, Ben and I attended a Cyber-security seminar last Tuesday as part of the annual Indiana Alliance of Rural Water conference in French Lick. The federal government is moving forward with updating its protocols by having those communities which serve 3300 or more customers make cyber-security part of its official sanitary plan. Even though we are below that figure, it is better to be ahead of the game than playing catch up. When the Town has its overall website risk assessment done, we are going to request they also assess the status of the Water/Wastewater plant.

2 – Toward that point, I have been in contact with IOT (Indiana Office of Technology), following their visit last month, to schedule and move forward with a risk assessment. I did complete a brief survey requesting an assessment. IOT officials reached out to explain the process. First off, they will meet virtually with Town officials and discuss what they will be doing and answer any questions we may have. Once this is done, the assessment will take place, and IOT will then hold a follow up meeting to reveal their findings. A specific time table has not been set as of this time. I will keep council informed as we move forward.

3 – Preparations for the 2023 Ferdinand Folk Festival (Saturday September 16) are moving forward. The musical artist selection process is, hopefully, in the home stretch. It is our hope to hold an official musical line-up announcement in early April, with accompanying

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performance. 2023 donation request letters are still being sent out by and work on the 2023 vendor application is almost complete. I am currently reviewing past vendors, looking to re-connect with those who have not taken part in recent years and invite them to return.

4 – We are continuing to seek applications for the 2023 Dubois County Leadership Academy. Deadline to submit an application is Friday March 31. I was a participant in a Zoom session with IU Professor Kyla Deckard and her class this morning, to discuss the DCLA and what we look to accomplish each year. Deckard believes IU's PACE (Political Action & Civic Engagement) Program will be able to create a toolkit for developing a future session or modifying an existing session. Professor Deckard has been meeting virtually with past participants in the class, as well as business leaders who have sent candidates, to get a well-rounded picture of the DCLA. I am looking forward to what the class is able to present to us. Ken, Ben and I attended a Cyber-security seminar last Tuesday as part of the annual Indiana Alliance of Rural Water conference in French Lick. The government is moving forward with having those communities which serve 3300 or more customers make cyber-security part of the overall sanitary plan.

* I-Pep Visit w/ Josh Schemerhorn - new field rep on March 13 - Town will host an employer flagger training session May 4, with a facility walk through following lunch

* Permission to go forward total eclipse event planning for Town, as we are in the path of totality

* Took part in a Cyber-security webinar this afternoon. Very informative - more detailed than French Lick session.

* Council has copy of new handbook
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