

TOWN OF FERDINAND

SPECIAL MEETING

June 9, 2022

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Special Meeting at 5:30 PM on Thursday, June 9, 2022, in the Ferdinand Town Hall. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Sicard stated the Council interviewed four applicants for the Police Chief position. Sicard stated all of the applicants were very qualified. Ron Weyer stated it was a lengthy and very difficult process because all applicants had excellent credentials and had great qualities. Debbie Johnson explained the candidates were all asked the same questions and rated using the same scoring system. Sicard moved to hire Kerri Blessinger as the Police Chief. She is currently a Lieutenant with the Vanderburgh Sheriff's Office where she has been employed for 21 years and has a degree in Social Work. Her past history brings much experience in investigative work and with domestic violence/child abuse. She is also a qualified instructor at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Her start date is August 1, 2022, at a weekly salary of \$1,153.85 / annually \$60,000.20 contingent upon passing the drug screening. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the Council conducted interviews for the Water/Wastewater Superintendent. Sicard moved to hire Ben Brinkman as the Water/Wastewater Superintendent. He is a resident of Ferdinand and currently works for the City of Huntingburg. He comes to us with IDEM certifications in water distribution and water treatment plus an industrial wastewater certification. He has applied to the State for the IDEM Class II wastewater certification (this was done prior to his interview). Taking and passing the exam to gain certification is an expectation of his employment. His start date is July 5, 2022, contingent upon passing the drug screening, at an hourly rate of \$29.00 per hour and will increase to \$32.50 per hour upon achieving the sewer operator's license. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

There has been a complaint to the police department of an aggressive dog in town. This is a civil issue and not a police issue. The Council will review the current ordinances and consider any necessary changes to the existing ordinance at the next Council meeting.

Chris James distributed the proposed Heimatfest 5K route which utilizes the Old Town Lake Trail and avoids Main Street. Ron moved to approve the route. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James stated he has received a quote from John Wetzel with Midwest Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to assist in the engineering portion of the Non-Potable Water Permit renewal process. The current permit will expire on July 1, 2023. The Council requested additional information comparing the cost savings to the costs incurred to continue the Town's current procedures regarding non-potable water before moving forward to approve the quote. More information will be presented at the next Council meeting.

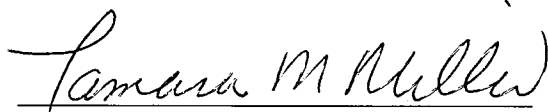
Debbie moved to pay regular claims. Ron seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Council Meeting	Tuesday	June 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Town Council Budget Meeting	Monday	August 1, 2022 at 6:00 AM
Town Council Budget Hearing	Tuesday	August 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Town Council Budget Adoption	Tuesday	September 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM
BZA	Wednesday	May 25, 2022 at 6:30 PM Canceled
Plan Commission	Wednesday	May 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Park Board	Wednesday	June 8, 2022 at 4:30 PM
Economic Development Comm.	Monday	July 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

