

TOWN OF FERDINAND  
REGULAR MEETING

March 16, 2021

The Ferdinand Town Council met for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, in the Ferdinand Community Center. Present were Council President, Ken Sicard; Vice-President, Debbie Johnson; Council Member, Ron Weyer; Town Attorney, Sharon Bohnenkemper and Clerk-Treasurer, Tamara Miller.

Debbie moved to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The water/wastewater department has an open position after the resignation of Eric Stallman. Ron moved to allow Schaefer and James to advertise for the position. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Each council member was able to see a demonstration of the WTH GIS mapping services since the last council meeting. Ron moved to approve the expenditure for a \$2,000 fee this year and \$1,500 annual cost thereafter (set for four years) allowing on-site GIS access via cell phones or iPads. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to approve the request for four Water/Wastewater employees to attend the American Water Works Association Water Annual Meeting on April 13, 14 & 15 at French Lick. The cost per employee is \$125 and meals \$80. Total cost is \$820. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve the Park Board's request to employ Brian Mullis as a summer park employee at \$12.50 per hour. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard took a moment to honor Marvin "Baldy" Weyer, owner of Marvin's Bargain Barn, and Clem Lange, founder of Best Home Furnishings, who passed away recently. Both businessmen supported the Town with substantial donations over the past years. Sicard expressed gratitude for their generosity.

James stated the park and recreation program is being planned to implement COVID-19 modifications. Advance registration will be required this year.

Michael Richards with Habitat for Humanity of Dubois County, a nonprofit organization

helping families build and improve places to call home, presented information to the Council.

Mike Becher representing Dale State Agency gave a property insurance status update. He will run an estimate of auto policy rates based on increasing the deductibles. He thanked the Town for their business and the Council thanked Mike for the service he provides to the Town.

Bohnenkemper stated Plan Commission held a public meeting on February 24, 2021, and gave a favorable recommendation that the 3.61 acres of Parcel 19-15-28-200-008.000-008 owned by Dorothy Helming Trust, should be rezoned from B-2 Commercial to R-1 Residential. Ron moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-02, an Ordinance Rezoning Certain Lands Within the Jurisdiction of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Crossing Matching Grant awards are expected to be announced in April.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the MasterBrand CF-1's. She stated all forms were in substantial compliance with the Statements of Benefit that were previously submitted by MasterBrand. She recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance forms. There was a motion by Debbie to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the Begle Properties, LLC CF-1's. She stated all forms were in substantial compliance with the Statements of Benefit that were previously submitted by Begle Properties, LLC. She recommended the forms be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance forms. There was a motion by Ron to approve and sign the annual Compliance Forms. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-03, An Ordinance Adopting Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Bohnenkemper reviewed the Knu, LLC CF-1. She stated the form was in substantial compliance with the Statement of Benefits that was previously submitted by to Knu, LLC. She recommended the form be approved and the President and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the compliance form. There was a motion by Ron to approve and sign the annual Compliance Form. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Weyer stated the Town Hall stand-alone sign is still being developed and would like input from Council members regarding where to place the sign.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-04, An Ordinance Establishing a Policy for

Electronic Funds Transfers and Automatic Clearing House Transfers and Online Banking for the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Town Wide Clean-Up will be held May 4, 5 & 6 following the Town Wide Yard Sale weekend. Mattresses and upholstered furniture will not be picked up. The Dubois County Recycling and Trash Site accepts those items.

Bohnenkemper presented the Health and Wellness Services Agreement with Memorial Hospital to hold an optional health screening for Town employees for \$39 per employee. Additional tests will be offered at the employee's cost. Ron moved to allow Miller to sign the Health and Wellness Services Agreement. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the Town received notice from Patoka Lake Regional Water & Sewer District stating a proposed rate increase of 7% or \$0.25 per 1,000 gallons of water effective on the June 30, 2021 bills. The letter stated rates will most likely need to continue to be adjusted biannually for the next several years. Debbie moved to have Miller prepare a water rate study for the Town to establish the need for rate increases. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-05, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-21, regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. The Ordinance states that effective January 1, 2021, Dean Gogel's salary as a Journeyman Lineman for the electric department will be at a rate of \$33.00 per hour plus two hours minimum at time and a half for emergency calls, plus \$80 per week for those weeks when on call. Debbie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Debbie moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-06, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-21, regarding Salaries, Compensation and Wages for Elected Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Town of Ferdinand, at the meeting it was introduced. The Ordinance establishes the salary for Brian Mullis, a part-time seasonal park employee, at \$12.50 per hour. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sicard stated the Town of Ferdinand has updated the Guidelines for Business Operations and the Meeting Procedures (attached). Debbie moved to approve the updated Guidelines and Procedures. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

James reported that he, Bohnenkemper, and department heads will be scheduling a meeting with Watch Communications to discuss options for the placement of underground fiber service.

James requested the purchase of one touchscreen tablet (or as needed) for each department to access the GIS mapping services for an estimated cost of \$1,000 per device. Debbie moved to

approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Christy Mundy, who has served on the Habitat for Humanity Board, thanked Michael Richards and the Town for their support of the organization's mission.

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

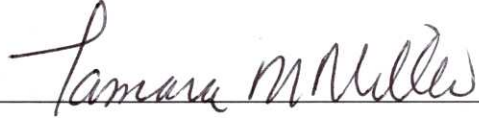
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**




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|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Town Council Meeting       | Tuesday   | April 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM |
| BZA                        | Wednesday | March 24, 2021 at 6:30 PM |
| Plan Commission            | Wednesday | March 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM |
| Park Board                 | Wednesday | April 14, 2021 at 4:30 PM |
| Economic Development Comm. | Monday    | April 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM |

As there was no further business to discuss, Debbie moved to adjourn. Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

ATTEST:

FERDINAND TOWN COUNCIL

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Additional Information: Firearms and Defensive Tactics Training. Assisted with Food Drive. Officer Clouse will begin on line training for the academy beginning **Monday** the 15th.

I will forward additional emails in reference to the Digital Voice Stress Training and Street Lighting Traffic Safety that I had sent in February to Ken. I had not received a reply so not sure if it went through. There are two of them so I'll send both to all board members.

If you don't receive them please let me know and I'll resubmit it. If you have any questions please let me know. Thanks

Lloyd O. Froman  
Chief Ferdinand P.D.

*Visit us for a day. Join us for a lifetime.*

KENNETH SICARD, President  
TAMARA M. MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

DEBBIE JOHNSON, Member  
SHARON BOHNENKEMPER, Attorney

RONALD WEYER, Member  
CHRIS JAMES, Town Manager



# 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<br>February 2021  |       |
|-------------------------------|----------|---|-------|
| Miles Driven                  | 4824     |   |       |
| Total Gallons                 | 408.8    |   |       |
| Average MPG                   | 11.80039 |   |       |
| Complaint Type                | Total    | Complaint Type  | Total |
| Alarm                         | 5        | Missing Person Adult/Child  | 0     |
| Animal Complaint              | 9        | Parking Violation   | 1     |
| Assist Other Agency           | 23       | 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   | 28    |
| Civil Matter /Dispute         | 0        | State Dispatch  | 18    |
| Citizen Assist                | 1        | Scam  | 1     |
| Debris in Roadway             | 0        | Security Check  | 0     |
| Disabled/Stranded Vehicle     | 9        | Suicide/or a Suicidal Person  | 6     |
| Disturbance/Disorderly Person | 0        | Suspicious Person/Vehicle   | 3     |
| Drug Complaint                | 0        | Theft   | 3     |
| Domestic Problem              | 0        | Traffic Control   | 26    |
| Escort                        | 1        | Traffic Warnings  | 31    |
| Eviction                      | 0        | Traffic Citations   | 4     |
| Extra Patrol                  | 0        | Trespassing   | 0     |
| Fight                         | 0        | Threats/ Intimidation   | 0     |
| Finger Printing               | 0        | Vandalism   | 0     |
| Fire                          | 2        | Vehicle Accident  | 6     |
| General Information           | 22       | Vehicle Accident Leaving the Scene  | 1     |
| Gun Permit                    | 2        | Vehicle Check   | 2     |
| Harassment                    | 0        | Vehicle Lock Out  | 10    |
| Hazardous/ Not Chemical       | 0        | Warrant   | 0     |
| Investigation                 | 0        | Weather Related Problems  | 0     |
| Identity Theft                | 0        | Welfare Check   | 15    |
| Illegal Dumping               | 0        | 911 false calls   | 2     |
| Intoxicated Person            | 0        |   | 0     |
| Juvenile Incurrigible/Runaway | 1        |   |       |
| Lines/ Poles Down             | 0        |   |       |
| Lost/ Stolen License Plate    | 0        |   |       |
| Mental Subject                | 0        |   |       |



