



Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2019 at 4:00pm

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Ron Troyer called the meeting to order with Council Member Eash, Council Member Folk, Council Member Kaufman and Clerk-Treasurer Naomi Miller present. Council Member Geigley came later to the meeting.

Also, in attendance were Stewart Bender, Bill Eberhard, Stan Strater, Jeremy Sponseller with Triad, Randy Merrifield with JDAI, Adam Lambright, Harold Gingerich, Casey Erwin with DLZ.

Council Member Folk moved to accept the minutes from October 28, 2019 General Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Eash and passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer

Council Member Eash moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kaufman and passed unanimously.

Town Manager

A permit is requested for a Lot 69 on Todd Street from Granite Ridge to build a new home. A Positive Recommendation was recommended by Council Member Kaufman; Council Member Eash seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Manager Bender and Casey Erwin with DLZ gave an update on water plant and the improvements needed. A Pilot Testing Program at a cost between \$25,000 - \$30,000 is recommended by Manager Bender and Casey. Manager Bender will continue to work with Casey on this project and get back with the council with a plan, recommendation and numbers.

Adding an additional Administrative workshop is requested due to scheduling issue. Next TIF workshop is scheduled for November 25th at 5:00pm. This workshop is closed to the public. Council agreed to this change.

Multi-hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the council on behalf of LaGrange County. Manager Bender is seeking the town approval to adopt the plan. Council Member Kaufman made a motion to adopt the Multi-hazard Mitigation Plan, Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bid date for WWTP Improvements has been moved to Thursday, December 5, 2019.

Town Marshal

Randy Merrifield with Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative came thanking Marshal Strater for his assistance and serving on board and his work with the JDAI.

Marshal Strater would like to add a reserve office, Ryan Cummings to the Topeka Police Department. Council Member Kaufman made a motion to accept Ryan Cummings as a Topeka Reserve Officer, Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Deputy Marshal Ed Flowers will be resigning from position by the end of the month to work as the SRO office for Westview.

Attorney

The documentation has been filed with the State for the TIF expansion for Topeka.

Next Meeting

The next Town Council meeting will be held at Topeka Town Hall on November 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. There being no other business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Ron Troyer

Council Member Ron Troyer, President

Ray Folk

Council Member Ray Folk, Vice President

Pete E Kaufman

Council Member Pete Kaufman

Justin Geigley

Council Member Justin Geigley

Ron Eash

Council Member Ron Eash

ATTEST

Naomi R. Miller

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC

