

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, November 25, 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, Adam Lambright, and Rasha Guharram.

Council Member Kaufman moved to accept the minutes from November 11, 2019 General Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Folk and passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer

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

The 2020 Town Council meeting scheduled was discussed to clarify dates that fall on holiday weeks. The Memorial Day meeting will be moved to May 18th and in December there will only be the first meeting of the month.

The contract with the Town Marshal is up for renewal and annual review. An Executive Session will be held at 3:30pm before the Council Meeting on December 9th for Marshal Strater. Town Manager Bender will have his session after the RDC meeting on December 9th.

Town Manager

A quote was presented from NIPSCO for adding 5 street lights on Lake Street, going West of town stopping East side of Rainbow Drive, \$4,036. Council Member Eash made a recommendation to send the quote to the RDC, Council Member Kaufman seconded the recommendation and it passed unanimously.

The electrical panel at the Subway lift station needs to be updated. A quote from BL Anderson was presented for \$39,000. Council Member Kaufman made a motion to approve the update to the Subway lift station; Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A Proposal from Silversmith Data was shared with the council for an Asset Management System, \$6,150 set up and an annual cost of \$1200. Council Member Kaufman made a motion to accept the proposal from Silversmith Data; Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The town sweeper has the core rusting out and broom will not hold in position. A quote from Brown was received to repair the sweeper for \$7,064.65. Council Member Eash made a motion to accept the quote from Brown and repair the town sweeper. Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Road work update was given to council and Pay App #1 was presented to council for \$351,572.98. Council Member Kaufman made a motion to pay the Pay App #1 for \$351,572.98. Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Manager Bender recommends a change order be executed to add a 4ft sidewalk in front of old fire station to the depressed curb at a quote of \$12,700. Council Member Geigley made a motion to accept the change order, Council Member Kaufman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The October Fire Activity Report was shared with the council.

Town Marshal

The October Police Activity Report was shared with the council.

Quotes for a new police vehicle was presented to council, Kelley Chevrolet at \$29,984.17, Ben Davis at \$31,042 and Shepherds at \$31,900. The 2011 Dodge Charger will be retired. Council Member Folk made a motion to accept the quote from Kelley Chevrolet for \$29,984.17, Council Member Kaufman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Deputy Marshal Ed Flowers letter of resignation was presented to the council. Council Member Folk made a motion to accept the letter of resignation, Council Member Geigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Marshal Strater would like to recommend Ed as a part-time Deputy Marshal. Council Member Folk made a motion to accept Ed Flowers as a part-time Deputy Marshal. Council Member Kaufman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Folk made a motion when hiring a new officer with credentials to start at \$45,000 annually. To also increase the Town Marshal salary to \$57,000 annually and increase Deputy Marshal Persing to \$46,000 annually and new officers without credentials start at \$42,000 annually. Council Member Geigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Attorney


The state has accepted the Town of Topeka's TIF expansion.

Next Meeting

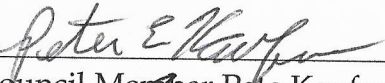
The next Town Council meeting will be held at Topeka Town Hall on December 9, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. There being no other business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.



Council Member Ron Troyer, President



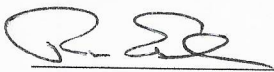
Council Member Ray Folk, Vice President



Council Member Pete Kaufman

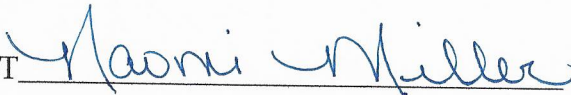


Council Member Justin Geigley



Council Member Ron Eash

ATTEST



Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC