

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, December 9, 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, Council Member Geigley and Clerk-Treasurer Naomi Miller present.

Also, in attendance was Stewart Bender, Bill Eberhard, Stan Strater, Jeremy Sponseller, Adam Lambright, Rick Pharis, Ben Huggins and James McDonald.

Council Member Geigley moved to accept the minutes from November 25, 2019 General Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kaufman and passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer

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

Resolution 12-09-2019 (C) A Resolution Encumbering 2019 Budget Appropriations for Expenditure in 2020 for the Fire-LIT- Public Safety Tax, 249-001-249 totaling \$66,181.00. Council Member Folk made a motion to accept the Resolution 12-09-2019 (C), Council Member Geigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There was a leak at the Maple Grove Church, and they are requesting a credit for the sewer of \$267.25. The Water Superintendent confirmed the leak did NOT run through the sewer plant. Council Member Kaufman made a motion to approve the credit, Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A December 2019 Revised Salary Ordinance was presented to council with adjustment to the Police Department salaries according to the November 25, 2019 Council Meeting. Council Member Folk made a motion to approve the December 2019 Revised Salary Ordinance, Council Member Eash seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-12-09 (A) was shared with council authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to make necessary payments of goods and services for the balance of the 2019 year. Council Member Folk made a motion to approve the Resolution 2019-12-09 (A) with addendum allowing the Town Manager or Council President to sign any necessary documents and reports till the board's next meeting; Council Member Kaufman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Town Manager/Fire Chief

The bid opening for the Topeka Sewer Plant was December 5th at 1:30pm. The bids were as follows:

RG Zachrich from Defiance, OH - \$5,755,100

Crosby Construction from Ft. Wayne, IN - \$6,554,000

Fetters Construction from Auburn, IN - \$5,931,997

L d Docsa Associates Inc General Contractors from Kalamazoo, MI - \$6,870,000

A discussion was had on the bids and a recommendation from Council Member Kaufman to table the awarding of the bids till the first meeting in January. Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DLZ has confirmed that easements are required along both sides of the Harrison to remove/replace the sidewalk. Council Member Folk made a motion to have the Town Manager file paperwork and apply for the easements. Council Member Kaufman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Change Order #1 and final for the 2018 Road Work was presented to the council also requesting a release of the retainage. Council Member Eash made a motion to approve the Change Order #1 and release the retainage, Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The November Fire Activity and Financial report was emailed to the council.

The storage building is under construction at the Fire Department.

Station 30 has been awarded a grant from Pioneer for \$5000 to get grain bin rescue equipment.

Attorney

The employee contract for Marshal Stan Strater was presented to the council. Council Member Folk made a motion to accept the contract with Marshal Strater. Council Member Geigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The 2020 Retainage of Town Council was presented to the council from Eberhard, Weimer, Clouse & Glick. Council Member Folk made a motion to accept Bill Eberhard as the Legal Council for the Town. Council Member Geigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Attorney Eberhard and Manager Bender will contact the Westview School Superintendent to discuss the TIF expansion for Topeka.

Other

Council Member Folk wanted to thank Pete Kaufman for his service to the community serving on the Topeka Town Council and the Redevelopment Commission.

Next Meeting

The next Town Council meeting will be held at Topeka Town Hall on January 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. There being no other business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.




Council Member Ron Troyer, President



Council Member Ray Folk, Vice President



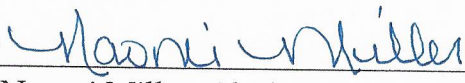
Council Member Pete Kaufman



Council Member Justin Geigley



Council Member Ron Eash

ATTEST 

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC