



Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, March 23, 2020 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 Lambright, Council Member Geigley and Clerk Treasurer, Naomi Miller present.

Also, in attendance was Stewart Bender, Stan Strater, Cyndi Sadewasser, David Gee with Region 3A, Matt Brinkman with Region 3A, Tracey Persing, Casey Erwin with DLZ and Bill Eberhard via phone.

Council Member Folk moved to accept the minutes from March 9, 2020 General Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Geigley and passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer

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

A Resolution declaring the Town of Topeka shall close its buildings to the public and make other changes consistent with the national and statewide emergencies, 2020-3 was presented to the council for review. Council Member Folk made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-3, Council Member Geigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A Resolution terminating Rental Agreement with the Water and Sewer was presented to the council. After discussion Council Member Geigley made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-4 and 2020-2 terminating the rental agreement with both utilities. Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

An authorization was signed by Council President to allow Region 3A to conduct a Public Hearing. Refer to CDBG Wastewater/Drinking Water Improvements Program Public Hearing Minutes.

Ordinance 2020-1 to provide for the approval for payment of certain claims was presented to the council. Council member Folk made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1, Council Member Lambright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Town Manager/Fire Chief

Fair Housing Ordinance, 2020-3 was presented to the council for approval. This Ordinance is needed for the OCRA Grant and could be needed for future grant submissions. Council Member Justin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-3 and Council Member Eash seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A quote from Hoosier Fire Equipment to purchase gear for \$10,008.70 was recommended to the council by the Fire Chief. Council Member Geigley made a motion to purchase the gear from Hoosier Fire Equipment for \$10,008.70. Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There are 3 wastewater structures identified in need of repair. A quote from Plummer's Environmental Services, Inc for \$11,476 was presented. Council Member Folk made a motion to accept the quote from Plummer's for \$11,476, Council Member Lambright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Updates on the water plant was shared with the council. Manager Bender recommends Phase 1-3 with DLZ to keep the OCRA grant and SRF funding moving forward. The cost for Phase 1-3 is \$32,000. Council Member Geigley made a motion to bring Phase 1 - 3 for the \$32,000 with DLZ. Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Community Crossing Grant money should be coming through in the next 2 weeks. A Notice to Proceed will need to be signed upon receipt outside of a regularly scheduled meeting. Council Member Geigley made a motion to allow signing of the Notice to Proceed outside of the meeting, Council Member Lambright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Town Marshal

Marshal Strater made a recommendation to the Council to hire Reserve Officer, Ryan Cummins as a full time Deputy for the Police Department. Council Member Eash made a motion to hire Ryan Cummins as a Deputy Marshal with the stipulation he is not to take a PD car home until after he has completed the academy. Council Member Geigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Attorney

Ordinance 2020-1 to provide for the approval for payment of certain claims was presented to the Council. Council Member Folk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-1, Council Member Eash seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Resolution 2020-3 declaring the Town of Topeka shall close its buildings to the public and make other changes consistent with the National and Statewide emergencies. Council Member Geigley made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-3 with an addition of waiving late fees during the month of March and April. Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next Town Council meeting will be held at Topeka Town Hall on April 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. There being no other business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.



Council Member Ron Troyer, President

Council Member Ray Folk, Vice President



Council Member Adam Lambright



Council Member Justin Geigley



Council Member Ron Eash



ATTEST



Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC