



Topeka Town Council and Redevelopment Commission Joint Meeting
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
Joint Meeting Minutes, July 13, 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 Folk, Council Member Lambright, Council Member Geigley, Doug Fought RDC Member, and Clerk-Treasurer Naomi Miller present.

Also, in attendance was Stewart Bender, Casey Erwin with DLZ and Town Attorney, Bill Eberhard, Mike Stump with Forest River and Merv Hostetler.

Council Member Folk moved to accept the minutes from June 8, 2020 General Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Geigley and passed unanimously.

RDC Board Member Fought moved to accept the RDC minutes from June 8, 2020 General Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by RDC Member Geigley and passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer

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

RDC Board Member Geigley moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by RDC Board Member Fought and passed unanimously.

The Major Moves CD is up for renewal. It is currently at Horizon Bank totaling \$212,004.14. Horizon Bank's is offering a rate of .27%, Farmers State Bank is offering .25% and Interra Credit Union offers .37% for a 12-month CD. Council Member Geigley made a motion to renew the CD with Interra Credit Union. Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chest

The April, May and June Fire Reports were emailed and received by the board.

Town Manager

Mike Stump and Merv Hostetler with Forest River is still interested in purchasing approximately 10.5 acres behind the Wastewater plant. The Wastewater Plant sits on 20.61 acres. DLZ performed a high-level assessment of the property upon request of the council. It was determined if the 9.61 acres was sold, the remaining 11 would be adequate for future building or expansion. The council stated they are interested in selling the property. Manager Bender stated he is waiting on an appraisal and survey of the property to continue forward.

Herman Miller on Nature's Trail would like to eliminate his grinder pump Mr. Miller had a contractor look at the amount of fall, it was determined he had enough. Council Member Folk made a motion to get with HRP currently doing the road work on Nature Trail and run a 6" line to Mr. Miller's property so he may connect to the town. Council Member Geigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Miller asked if the town would purchase his grinder pump and the council denied. Motion carried unanimously.

The new owner of the local liquor store is asking to have an LED sign on the roof of the store. Manager Bender stated it is against the County Code so they would need a recommendation from the council before going to the county. Council Member Geigley made a motion to give a positive recommendation to the county. Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried with one opposition, Council Member Lambright.

Rob Yoder is interested in building 3 rentals on Ohio Street and wastewater would need to be ran. Manager Bender was asked to get quotes for installing wastewater to this location.

Casey Erwin with DLZ presented Pay Ap 1 for the 2020 Street Improvements. Council Member Folk made a motion to recommend the Pay Ap 1 be paid to the RDC board. Council Member Geigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RDC Board member Fought made a motion to pay the Pay Ap 1, RDC Board Member Troyer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other


Council Member Troyer would like to start accepting bid's on the Police Department's 2011 Dodge Charger. Council Member Folk made a motion to start accepting bids and advertising, closing the bids at 4pm on August 10, 2020. Council Member Lambright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RDC Board Member Fought asked when his lawn will be completed from the road work. Town Manager Bender stated he has been in contact with the contractor and they will get grass planted after the heat in the weather has decreased.


Clerk-Treasurer Miller shared invoices from Sandhill for the cost of the testing required by IDEM for Freedom Steel and Nisco. A request to bill the business for this service was made. Manager Bender, Attorney Eberhard and Clerk-Treasurer Miller will look into the past minutes on this matter.

Next Meeting

The next Town Council meeting will be held at Topeka Town Hall via Webex on July 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. There being no other business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.



Council/RDC Member Ron Troyer



Council/RDC Member Justin Geigley



Council/RDC Member Adam Lambright



Council Member Ray Folk

Council Member Ron Eash

RDC Member Harold Gingerich



ATTEST 

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC