



Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2020 at 4:00pm

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Troyer called the meeting to order with Council Member Eash, Council Member Lambright, Council Member Folk, Council Member Geigley and Clerk Treasurer, Naomi Miller.

Also, in attendance was Stewart Bender, and Town Attorney, Bill Eberhard, Town Marshal Stan Strater. Via Zoom, Ross Hagen and Tyler Coffel with Bakertilly.

Council Member Folk moved to accept the minutes from July 13, 2020 General Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Eash 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 Town of Topeka Sewer Forgiveness Policy was shared with the council. This is a form for internal controls process. Council Member Giegley made a motion to implement the form in our Town's policy; Council Member Eash seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer requested an addendum to Ordinance 2014-5-12, Establishing Rules and Regulations for Peddlers and Vendors. Instead of a daily cost of \$5, looking at an annual cost and implement this change in January of 2021. Council asked Attorney Eberhard to work on the Ordinance update.

The contract with the Townships for Fire Protection Services has not been renewed and has expired. The council instructed Attorney Eberhard to update the previous year contract for the June 2020 to June 2021, keeping everything the same. In 2021 a review of the contract will be made. Council Member Folk made a motion to renew the contract as the previous year; Council Member Eash seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The State of Indiana has implemented the Cares Act to reimburse communities for COVID-19 related costs. The acceptance certification was given to Ron Troyer to sign on behalf of the Town Council allowing the Clerk-Treasurer to submit reimbursement requests.

The 5-year personal protection permit fee has changed to a free status as of July 1, 2020. Attorney Eberhard was asked to update the Town Resolution to reflect this change.

Mr. Hagen with Bakertilly presented options for financing to consider for the upcoming proposed bond issuances for both the Sewage Works and Water Utility. Much discussion was had on this topic. Manager Bender will work on the immediate needs for both facilities before the next meeting to determine a new cost to not affect raising utility bills so much.

Police Department

The May Activity Reports was emailed to the council prior to the meeting.

At the Baptist Church on North Street there is three handicap parking spots in front of the church. People are parking in these spaces when the church is not in service. Marshal Strater would like to change these to a drop off zone instead of parking spaces.

Westview School Corporation mailed a thank you to the Topeka Police Department for the presence at the Westview basketball games and a \$100 check was received.

A special thank you to the Shishewana Police Department for loaning Topeka the speed trailer.

The Police Department has a dog kennel from the previous K9 and Nate Sprunger with the Town of Wolcottville K9 unit is interested in purchasing it from the town. Marshal Strater suggested \$50 to the council to sell it to Nate Sprunger. Attorney Eberhard was asked to assemble an Interlocal Agreement for the Kennel to Nate Sprunger.

Town Manager/Fire Chief

Manager Bender gave an update on the current street projects.

Next Meeting

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

Ron Troyer
Council Member Ron Troyer, President

Ray Folk
Council Member Ray Folk, Vice President

Adam Lambright
Council Member Adam Lambright

Justin Geigley
Council Member Justin Geigley

Ron Eash
Council Member Ron Eash



ATTEST *Naomi Miller*
Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC