



**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes, August 24, 2020 at 4:08pm**

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 Town Manager, Stewart Bender, Town Marshal Stan Strater, Kerry Sprunger, Scott Zeigler with Hand to the Plow Surveying and Via Zoom is Buddy Miller, Casey Erwin with DLZ and Town Attorney, Bill Eberhard.

Council Member Folk moved to accept the minutes from August 10, 2020 General Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Eash and passed unanimously.

**Clerk-Treasurer**

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

**Town Manager/Fire Chief**

The county is requesting the new owners of Rock Run Real Estates property to vacate property owned by the railroad.

Rock Run Real Estates for the purpose of creating an Industrial Park has the following approvals from the Town Council

1. Use of platted alleys and roads for the purpose of RV storage (No permanent structures).
2. Gravel road to the West will have dust control applied.
3. The addition of a permanent structure for Synergy transport to be used as an office must be show on plat. (will need to apply for building permit)
4. Town is aware and has no issues with storm runoff to continue to drain into retention area North of complex.

Council Member Folk made a motion to give a positive recommendation to the county. Council Member Geigley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Proposal for Lagoon Closure Plan Sampling at the WWTP – Manager Bender is asking permission to move forward with testing if IDEM comes back with approval on reports previously submitted. Council Member Folk made a motion to give permission to Manager Bender to continue the process of the closure plan and testing. Council Member Lambright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Manager Bender will obtain quotes to upgrade and repair the public restrooms attached to the Police Department.

An update was given on the housing development. Granite Ridge is not interested in taking on another development. Manager Bender has a few calls into other developers.

### **Town Attorney**

Eberhard stated he and Manager Bender are petitioning the county to rezone the 2 ponds at the sewer plant. They are currently zoned an S1 and requesting a change to a I2. Council Member Geigley made a motion to petition the County for the rezoning, Council Member Folk seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A discussion was had on the reopening of the Town. Attorney Eberhard suggested waiting till the Governor opens the State.

The town currently owns 6 tracks of land that are ranging from .01 to .05 an acre. Council Member Lambright made a motion for a public hearing concerning the status of this property. 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 September 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. There being no other business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Ron Troyer  
Council Member Ron Troyer, President

Ray Folk  
Council Member Ray Folk, Vice President

Adam Lambright  
Council Member Adam Lambright

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Council Member Justin Geigley

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Council Member Ron Eash



ATTEST Naomi Miller  
Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC