



**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2020 at 4:04pm**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Council President Ron Troyer called the meeting to order.

Present: Council Member Ron Troyer, Adam Lambright and Ray Folk, Town Manager Stewart Bender, Town Attorney Bill Eberhard and Clerk Treasurer, Naomi Miller

Absent: Council Members Justin Geigley and Ron Eash

Others in attendance: Marshal Stan Strater, Casey Erwin with DLZ, Ryan Cummins, Rick Ferris with Triad, Doug Fought, Harold Gingerich and Deborah Jones

Minutes from previous meeting of August 24, 2020

Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright Second: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

**Clerk-Treasurer**

Claim Register - APV 13091 - 13105

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Second: Adam Lambright Vote: All Ayes

2021 Health Coverage Renewal with Aim Trust

- Health increased 7.5%, no change to Life, Dental or Vision

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Second: Adam Lambright Vote: All Ayes

**Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief**

Dutch Village Mobile Home Park, formally Country Squire Mobile Home Park.

- Requesting building permit recommendation to replace old office building and add 9 parking spots.
- The current retention pond cannot handle any additional run-off.
  - Pond is at capacity.
  - Pond handles run off storm water from Pleasant Street to the East of town.
- The Mobile Home Park is on the agenda for October with the County.
- Casey with DLZ will review the plans and storm water runoff and present at 9/28/20 meeting.
- Recommendation tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Second: Adam Lambright Vote: All Ayes

Fire Reports for August was emailed to council prior to meeting.

#### Subway Lift Station Pump

- Quote from Xylem to replace the pump for \$11,516.
- To repair the pump is \$7,850 and unable to determine age of pump.
- Stewart recommends a new pump instead of repairing it.

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Second: Adam Lambright Vote: All Ayes

#### Main Lift Station Pump

- Quote from Xylem to replace the pump for \$17,278

Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright Second: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

#### Old Fire Station

- Someone is interested in leasing from the town.
- Bill Eberhard recommends selling it but getting an appraisal for leasing and one for selling to make a better-informed decision.
- Stewart is asked to get 2 appraisals.

Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright Second: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

#### Food Pantry

- Harold Gingerich stated a new home would need to be found for the Food Pantry if the old fire station is sold.
- All in attendance were asked to investigate options.

#### Stan Strater, Police Department

Police Reports for June and July emailed to council prior to meeting.

#### Casey Erwin, P.E. with DLZ

- Pay Ap 3 with HRP Construction
  - 2020 Street Improvements (2019 CCMG)
- August Work totaling \$186,113.55

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Second: Adam Lambright Vote: All Ayes

#### Town Attorney

##### Housing Development

- Stewart and Bill are still working on the TIF Housing Development with Westview.

#### General Comments

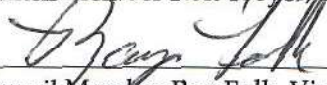
##### Deborah Jones with Carefree Property Management

- NIPSCO - reseeding and boring by the trailer park and the retention pond
- New line to the auction barn
- The town has no opinion, personal property is being affected


#### Adjournment

- 5:02pm
- Next General Council meeting: September 28, 2020 at 4p.m.

  
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Council Member Ron Troyer, President

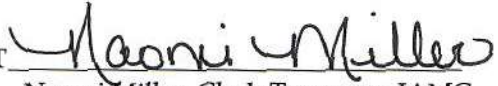
  
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Council Member Ray Folk, Vice President

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Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC