

Topeka Town Council 124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana General Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2021 at 4:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Clerk Treasurer, Naomi Miller - Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

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

Others in attendance: Harold Gingerich, Cyndi Sadewasser, Doug Fought, Marshal Stan Strater

Attendance via Zoom: Buddy Miller

Members of the Topeka Town Council were sworn in for 2021 by Clerk Treasurer

The 2021 Nepotism forms were signed by council.

Officer election for 2021

Nominations for Council President

Motion to Nominate Ron Troyer: Ray Folk

Second: Ron Eash

Vote: All Ayes

Nominations for Council Vice-President

Motion to Nominate Adam Lambright:

Second: Justin Geigley

Vote: All Ayes

Secretary for Town Council

Motion to Nominate the Clerk-Treasurer: Justin Geigley

Vote: All Aves

Second: Adam Lambright

Minutes from previous meeting of December 14, 2020

Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright

Second: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

Appointment of Commissioners for Fire, Police and Employees

Motion for Commissioners to stay the same as 2020: Justin Geigley Second: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

Fire Commissioner: Justin Geigley

Police Commissioner: Adam Lambright

• Employee Commissioner: Ron Eash

Confirmation of Department Heads for 2021

Park Department: Greg Strawser

Street Department: James Lambright Town Manager: Stewart Bender

Wastewater Department: James McDonald

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Police Marshal: Stanley Strater

Motion to confirm the 2021 Department Heads as stated: Adam Lambright

Second: Ron Eash

Vote: All Ayes

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

Claim Register - APV 13521 - 13638

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk

Second: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

2021 Revised Salary Ordinance

The Revised 2021 Salary Ordinance showing Ryan Cummins with his new rate of pay

Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright

Second: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

Legal Advertising

Motion for 2021 Legal Advertising with LaGrange Standard and News

Motion: Ray Folk

Second: Justin Geigley

Vote: All Ayes

Town Engineers for 2021

Motion to select engineers per project

Motion: Ray Folk

Second: Justin Geigley

Vote: All Ayes

LaGrange County Commissioner Larry Miller passed away. On behalf of the Town of Topeka, a tree will be planted at the park in memorial.

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

Town Executive Signer

Motion to give the authority to Council President, Ron Troyer to sign on behalf of the Town Council any and all documents necessary once passed by majority.

Motion: Ray Folk

Second: Justin Geigley

Vote: All Ayes

Well Quote

- Peerless does annual PM's for the town wells.
- Well #1 has 20% decrease in pumping capacity since last February
- Need to replace motor on pump due to increased plant size
- Worst case scenario for all 3 wells is \$120,000 and not to exceed
 - o Quote for Well #1, \$36,322
- Well work was not included in the original SRF
- Town Manager recommends doing it now before the new plant is built and without adding to loan

Motion to Approve: Ron Each

Second: Justin Geigley

Vote: All Ayes

Soil Boring at subdivision farm ground

- Next step to finish the plat is soil boring
 - o Approximately 16 borings deepest is 20 feet
- Quote for \$5,350 from Materials Inspection & Testing, Inc out of Ft. Wayne
- Motion to recommend to the RDC to proceed with the soil borings

Motion: Justin Geigley

Second: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

Water Consumption for December 2020 was emailed to council prior to meeting.

December Fire Department Activity and Financial Report emailed to council prior to meeting.

A recommendation to the RDC to extend the 2020 farming contract for rental of the ground into 2021 using only a portion of the land.

Motion: Ron Eash

Second: Justin Geigley

Vote: All Ayes

General Public

Council Member Lambright will be in Florida at the next council meeting but will call in.

Adjournment

- 4:36pm
- Next General Council meeting: January 25, 2021 at 4p.m.

Council Member Ron Troyer, President

Council Member Ray Folk, Vice President

Council Member Ron Eash

Council Member Adam Lambright

Council Member Justin Geigley

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Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

