

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, February 22, 2021 at 4:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Council President, Ron Troyer – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council Member Ron Troyer, Ray Folk, Justin Geigley, Ron Eash, Adam Lambright, Town Manager Stewart Bender, Clerk Treasurer, Naomi Miller

Others in attendance: Marshal Stan Strater, Amy Oberlin with LaGrange Newspaper and Casey Irwin with DLZ

Attendance via Zoom: Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Tyler Coffel and Ross Hagen with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors.

Minutes from previous meeting of February 8, 2021

Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

Claim Register – APV 13750 – 13792

Motion to Approve: Ron Eash Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

Public Hearing for the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-13 concerning the construction of additions and improvements to the waterworks

Motion to Adopt: Ray Folk Seconded: Ron Eash Vote: All Ayes

State of Indiana Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program

- Exhibit A to Ordinance 2021-13

Motion to Adopt: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Bond Council Engagement Letter

- Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 Bond Council

Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

Water Rate Study from Baker Tilly

- First Reading - Ordinance 2021-14, An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Topeka Water Department

Introduction of the Ordinance by Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

- Public Hearing for Final Reading is set for March 8, 2021

Public Restrooms

- Needs to be upgraded and made handicap accessible
- Fixtures, new urinals, go down to one stall in each bathroom
- Manager Bender encouraged to get quotes.
- The Clerk/Treasurer confirmed these renovations were budgeted in the 2021 budget

Blowers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Another blower lost last week
 - There is no backup for the SBR's
 - Quote for all 4 blowers \$94,720 from BL Anderson
 - Quote for 3 blowers for \$140,350 from Universal Blower PAC
 - Waiting on 3rd quote Tri State Compressor
 - Additional 10-15k for valving and odd end parts as needed
 - We have 3 for SBR and 1 for digester

Motion to not go over the BL Anderson quote: Ray Folk

Seconded: Ron Eash

Vote: All Ayes

2020 Water/Wastewater Consumption reports

- Stewart and Naomi generate a monthly spreadsheet showing consumption, usage, loss, monthly billing and customer count.
- One sheet for water and one for wastewater
- Water loss is the concern

ID Printer

- Use for the town employees, Police Department and Fire Department
- ID Tags with picture and Town Info as well as Department
- Quote from IDville for \$2,043.64 quote from Fargo for \$3,499.00

Motion to purchase: Justin Geigley

Seconded: Ron Eash

Vote: All Ayes

Town Marshal, Stan Strater

New Marshal Vehicle

- \$28,640 for a 2021 Tahoe with a \$9,500 trade in of current 2013 Ford Expedition
- Accessories for the new vehicle
 - Quote from Safety Systems for \$4187.75
 - Quote from Watch Guard for camera on car for \$4,820

Motion to Approve the purchase: Ray Folk

Second: Justin Geigley

Vote: All Ayes

International Conference of Police Chaplains


- 3 officers attending, Stan, Ryan and Tracey
 - \$270 each

Activity Reports for November and December 2020, and January of 2021

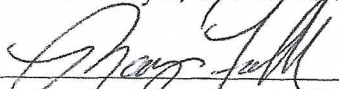
Completed training by each officer in 2020 was shared with Council

Adjournment

- 5:21pm
- Next General Council meeting: March 8, 2021 at 4p.m.



Ron Troyer, Council President




Ray Folk, Council Member



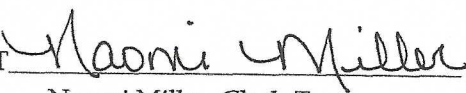
Ron Eash, Council Member



Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President



Justin Geigley, Council Member

ATTEST 

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

