

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, March 8, 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: Amy Oberlin with LaGrange Newspaper, Harold Gingerich, Casey Irwin with DLZ

Attendance via Zoom: Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Tyler Coffel and Ross Hagen with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, James McDonald, Buddy Miller

Minutes from previous meeting of February 22, 2021

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

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

Claim Register – APV 13610 – 13867

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

Resolution 2021-23

- Modifying mandating necessary safeguards for the reopening of town buildings and resumption of town operations consistent with the national and statewide emergencies.

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

Workers Compensation

- Greg Strawser was injured 2/23/2021
- File claim with insurance or have the town pay?
- Council was in agreement to file claim with insurance

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

Public Hearing for Water Rate Study from Baker Tilly

- Second Reading - Ordinance 2021-14, An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for the Topeka Water Department
- Troyer recommend a letter to residence the first of April and May. Giving residence time to become aware of increase for their family budgets.
- Increase effective June 2021.
- Public Hearing closed

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

- Final Closing is scheduled for March 31st

Old Fire Station

- Advertise in both LaGrange Newspapers with the minimum amount of the appraisal
- Advertise after the General Store auction on March 16th

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk

Seconded: Justin Geigley

Vote: All Ayes

DLZ

- Permit for Public Water Supply Construction was approved from IDEM
- Notice of Preliminary Award to Fetters Construction for the Water Plant Renovation and Addition
- Update in Exhibit A 3-4-21 Construction Update
 - Authorization to begin the Phase IV, Asset Management Plan services, Construction Admin and startup services
 - Request prior signature approval on Notice of Award, Owner-Contractor Agreement and Notice-to-Proceed

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk

Seconded: Ron Eash

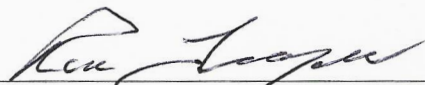
Vote: All Ayes

February Fire Department Statement of Activity and Incident emailed to council prior to meeting.

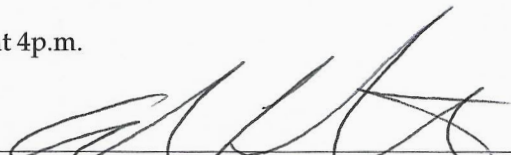
February Water Consumption report emailed to council prior to meeting.

Adjournment

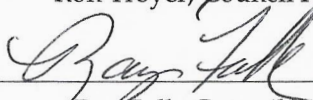
- 4:55pm
- Next General Council meeting: March 22, 2021 at 4p.m.



Ron Troyer, Council President

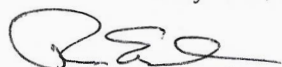


Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President



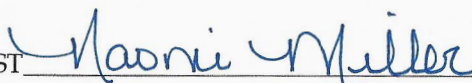
Ray Folk, Council Member

Justin Geigley, Council Member



Ron Eash, Council Member

ATTEST



Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

