



**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes, March 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: Amy Oberlin with LaGrange Newspaper, Deputy Clerk Cyndi Sadewasser, Casey Irwin with DLZ and Marshal Stan Strater

Attendance via Zoom: Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, James McDonald, Joshua Troyer

**Minutes from previous meeting of March 8, 2021**

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

**Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer**

Claim Register – APV 11084 – 13908

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

**Ordinance 2021-15**

- Recommendation from Park Board - An Ordinance concerning rent for use of the Topeka ball diamonds and pavilions

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

**Monthly Finance Reports**

- Month of February month end finances shared with council
- Going forward, each month information will be shared for council to review
- Signature page confirming receipt and review

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

Topeka Chamber of Commerce requesting a donation for the 2021 fireworks display

- Part of previous year agreement for continued funding is to have additional quotes from other vendors

Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright      Seconded: Ron Eash      Vote: All Ayes

James McDonald, Wastewater Superintendent is requesting reimbursement for his DOT physical, \$95

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

## 2021 Street Improvements – North Main Street – Bid Opening

- Two Parts
  - Part 1 North Main Street (CCMG)
  - Part 2 North Main Street Water and Sewer

	API Construction Corp	HRP Construction	Niblock Excavating	Pulver Asphalt
Part 1	\$1,474,120.00	\$1,477,550.00	\$1,628,262.50	\$1,288,729.00
Part 2	\$104,950.00	\$101,600.00	\$112,700.00	\$100,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,579,070.00</b>	<b>\$1,579,150.00</b>	<b>\$1,740,962.50</b>	<b>\$1,389,129.00</b>

Due to past experiences Town Manager and Casey will have a discussion with Pulver on expectations  
Motion for acceptance of the bids: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Ron Eash      Vote: All Ayes

### Approve and Sign Notice of Award

Motion for approval: Ron Eash      Seconded: Adam Lambright      Vote: All Ayes

### Approve and Sign Form 96, Contractor's Bid for Public Work

Motion for approval: Ron Eash      Seconded: Adam Lambright      Vote: All Ayes

### Approval for signatures prior to next meeting (outside of council meeting)

- PO Request Letter and Submittal back to INDOT  
Motion for approval: Adam Lambright      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
- Execution of Owner-Contractor Agreement  
Motion for approval: Ray Folk      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes

### Water Plant

- Approval for Notice to Proceed for Water Plant outside of common council meeting
- Approval of Preliminary Notice of Award for Water Plant outside of common council meeting
- Approval outside of common council meeting between owner and contractor for Construction Contract for Water Plant
- All dated April 2<sup>nd</sup> will need to be in to sign on that Friday  
Motion for signatures on April 2<sup>nd</sup> outside of regularly scheduled meeting: Ray Folk  
Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes

### Stan Strater, Town Marshal

#### Recommend hiring Tyler Randol

- Start on April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Already been to academy with great references

Motion to hire Tyler: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Adam Lambright      Vote: All Ayes

- Ed will no longer be working for the town once Tyler starts


Town Marshal gave an update on their recent training.

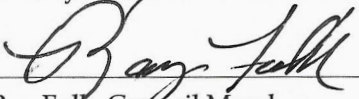
Other

Ron Troyer asked about the status of the property behind the wastewater plant. Soil boring hasn't been done yet and still waiting on IDEM to approve.

Adjournment

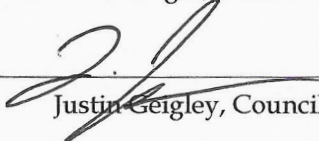
- 4:44 pm
- Next General Council meeting: April 12, 2021 at 4p.m.

  
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Ray Folk, Council Member

  
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Ron Eash, Council Member

  
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Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President

  
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Justin Geigley, Council Member

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Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

