

**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes, April 12, 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, Marshal Stan Strater, Doug Fought, Butch Lehman, Buddy Miller, Katherine Wallace, Crist Beechy, Judson Schrock

Attendance via Zoom: Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, James McDonald

**Minutes from previous meeting of April 12, 2021**

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

**Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer**

Claim Register – APV 13909 – 13997

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

Resignation from Park Board Members, Yvonne Eash and Shannon Bushong

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

**Monthly Finance Reports**

- Month of March month-end finances emailed to council prior to meeting
- All council reviewed and signed the signature page

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

A Resolution Creating the Town of Topeka, 2021 Water Works Construction Account, 2021-24

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

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

409 W. Lake St. – Horse Variance

- Requesting a horse variance to the town ordinance
  - Currently has 5 driving horses on 2.5 acres

Motion to deny: Council Member Folk                      Seconded: Justin Geigley                      Vote: All Ayes

- The council agreed to work with resident as he depletes his horse stock

513 S. Main St. - Horse Variance

- Requested a horse variance from the county BZA and was denied
  - Decision was based on Topeka zoning on large animals
  - Town approved the first time around and the county denied it
  - Currently has 1.4 acres of pasture

Motion to deny: Ray Folk

Seconded: Ron Eash

Vote: All Ayes

March Water Consumption report emailed to council prior to meeting

Water Plant Update

- Fetters is planning on first week of May to begin construction

Marshal Strater, Topeka Police Department

- Tyler Randol, new Deputy Marshal started today
- Gave update on PD activity

General

Naomi asked if something could be done about the random trash being dumped at the recycling area


- Stewart will look into camera prices for this area
- Fiber has been ran to the lift station, so easy to access for the recycling location


Ray asked for an update on the public bathroom remodeling


- Stewart is waiting on quotes
- Merchants have been asking for an update from Ray
- Suggested Option: work on one bathroom at a time and do away with the port-a-potty

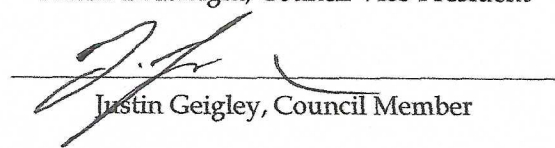
Adjournment


- 4:29 pm
- Next General Council meeting: April 26, 2021 at 4p.m.

  
Ron Troyer, Council President

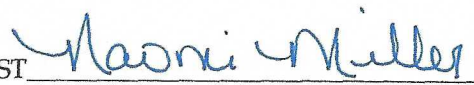
  
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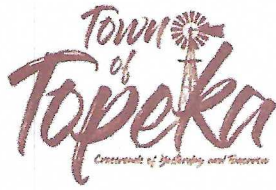
  
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Ron Eash, Council Member

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Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer





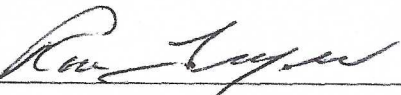
**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**Executive Session Minutes, April 12, 2021 at 4:37pm**

Joint Executive Meeting between the Town Council and Park Board was called to order by Council President Ron Troyer.

In Attendance, Council Members Ron Troyer, Ray Folk, Justin Geigley Adam Lambright; Park Board Members Miller and Wallace; Stewart Bender, Town Manager, Butch Lehman and Clerk Treasurer, Naomi Miller

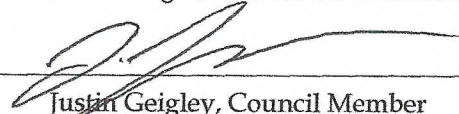
A discussion was had on employee Butch Lehman as a park employee.

Adjournment 5:25pm

  
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Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President

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Ray Folk, Council Member


  
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Justin Geigley, Council Member

  
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Ron Eash, Council Member

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Buddy Miller, Park Board Vice-President

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Kathrine Wallace, Park Board Member



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Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC