

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, May 24, 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, Ron Eash, Adam Lambright, Town Manager Stewart Bender, Clerk Treasurer, Naomi Miller

Others in attendance: Deputy Clerk Cyndi Sadewasser, Marshal Stan Strater, Jr, and Amy Oberlin

Attendance via Zoom: Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, James McDonald, Wastewater Superintendent and Buddy Miller

Minutes from previous meeting of May 10, 2021 for Common Council

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

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

Claim Register – APV 14131 – 14173

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

April Financials were shared with the council

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

5 – year plan for Park

- IDNR acceptance letter for the 2021 – 20216 Topeka 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan received

Harold Gingerich would like to attend Chaplain to attend conference

- Marshal Strater recommends Harold attending
- Registration is \$325.00 plus lodging for \$476
- Harold will cover the mileage himself

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

Christmas Decorations

- Quote from Temple Display, Ltd for \$15,832.75
 - East Park – Penguin and Igloo light display
 - West Park – Nativity Scene (Mary, Joseph, Jesus and star) and 2000 lights for the big pine tree

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

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

Wastewater Plant

- Requesting a computer to tie the PLC and controls into a separate computer from the operators work station
- Quote BL Anderson \$3,200, Mapletonics \$1,313.53

Motion to purchase from Mapletonics: Ray Folk

Seconded: Ron Eash

Vote: All Ayes

Executive Session

- Manager Bender requested an executive meeting to go over Development in town
- Meeting has been set for Friday, May 28, 2021 at 4pm

Stan Strater, Town Marshal

Desktop Quote

- Additional computer for office
- Quote from Mapletonics \$1,381.94

Motion to Purchase: Adam Lambright

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

Car Camera Quote

- Quote from Watchguard for \$4,820.00
- Lambright stated to add an additional camera for Stan's car

Motion to purchase: Ray Folk

Seconded: Ron Eash

Vote: All Ayes

Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission sent a letter confirming Topeka PD meets the requirements to receive federal grants for the next 3 years. The letter is to be kept on file and submitted for any Federal Grant applications.

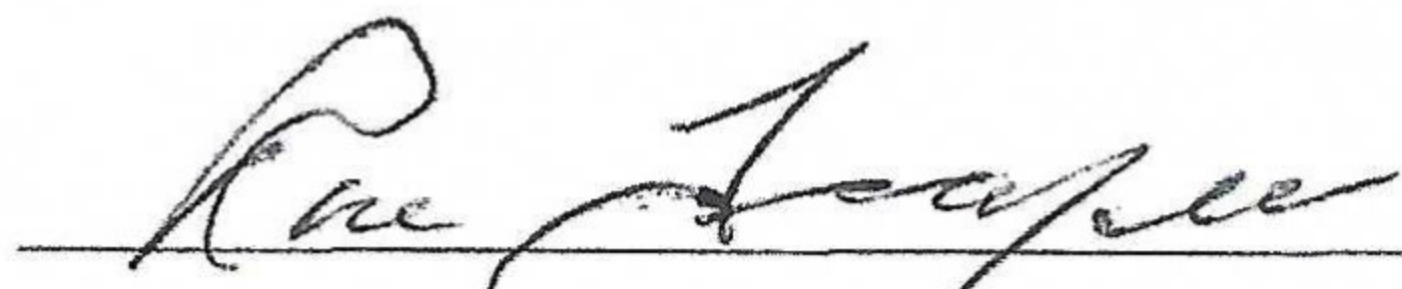
Other

Ron Troyer asked what was being done with the Fire Chief's old Tahoe. Stewart Bender, Fire Chief stated he will get the Tahoe emptied out, equipment removed and cleaned so it is ready for selling.

Ray Folk had a resident asking about fiber optic being ran in Topeka by Ligonier Telephone. Stewart Bender confirmed this is happening and starting in June. It is not clear if the whole town will be covered or just half of the town this year.

Adjournment

- 4:23 pm
- Next General Council meeting June 14, 2021 at 4p.m.



Ron Troyer, Council President



Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President

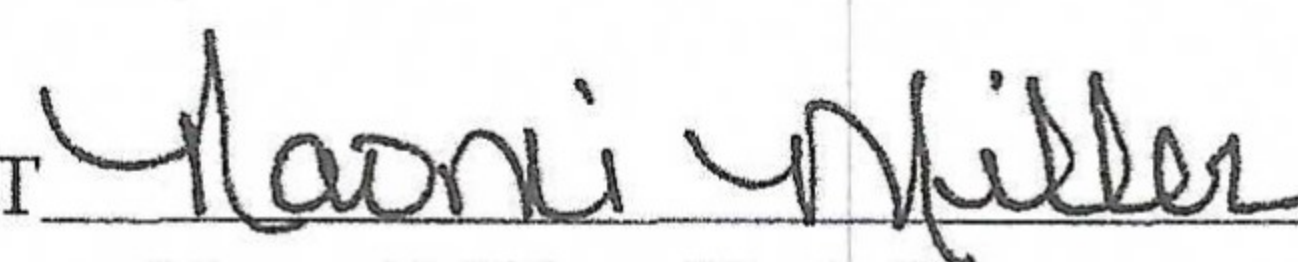


Ray Folk, Council Member



Ron Eash, Council Member

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Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer



Notice of Request for Bids at the wastewater plant

- Total is 9.5 acres
- Winning bidder must bid at least \$105,000.00
 - Also remove berms except one dividing property from Town retained lagoon.
 - Cooperate with town obtaining "clean closing" permit
 - Agree to construct at least a 95,000 square foot building within two years.
 - Agree to provide at least 120 jobs on the site.
 - Public hearing scheduled for June 14, 2021 at 4pm

Motion to proceed with hearing: Justin Geigley Seconded: Adam Lambright
Vote: All Ayes

Old Fire Station

- Originally the discussion was had to revamp into retail space.
- Westview is interested in buying as a bus garage.
- Possibly an agreement between Westview and the Town to potentially sell the property in exchange for approval on our new TIF district for the housing addition.
- Further discussion with Westview is being had before a final decision.

Other

Harold Gingerich stated its National Police Appreciation Week. Encouraged board to do some sort of acknowledgement.

Justin Geigley, Council Member resigned from the board effective 5/11/2021 due to lack of housing opportunities in Topeka.

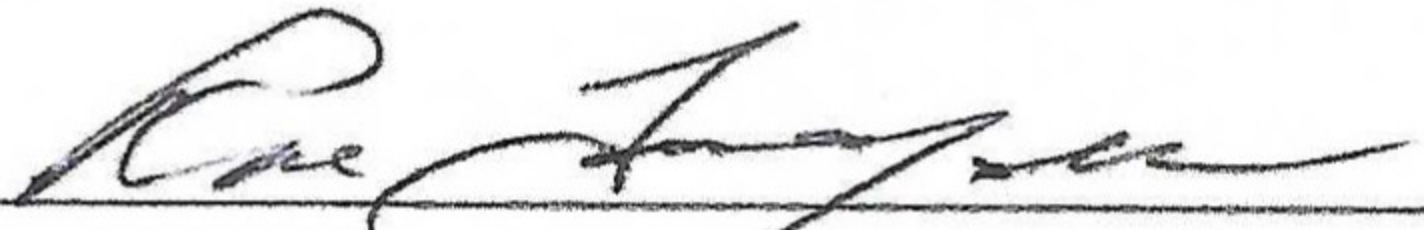
Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Ron Eash

Vote: All Ayes

Adjournment

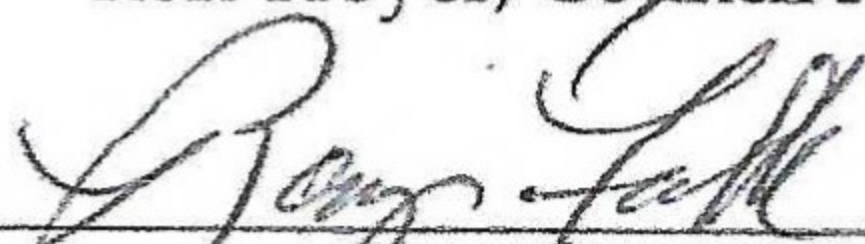
- 4:45 pm
- Next General Council meeting: May 24, 2021 at 4p.m.




Ron Troyer, Council President



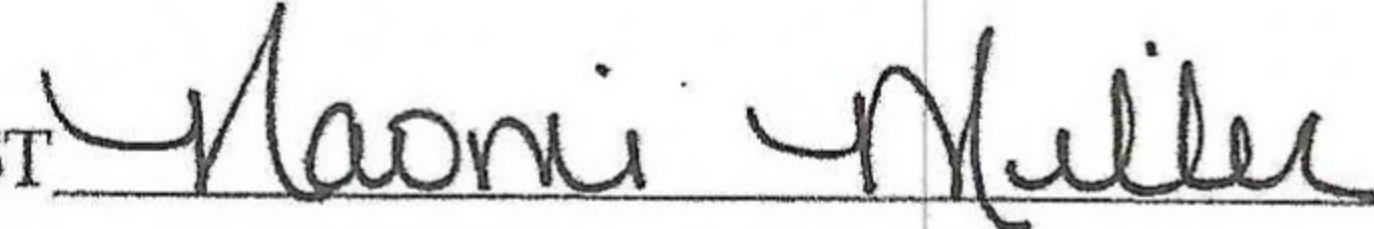
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