

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, July 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, Adam Lambright, Steve Schrock, Town Manager Stewart Bender, Clerk Treasurer, Naomi Miller

Others in attendance: Deputy Clerk Cyndi Sadewasser, Marshal Stan Strater, Jr, Bill Eberhard Town Attorney; Todd Thurber with DLZ, Amy Oberlin, Doug Fought

Attendance via Zoom: James McDonald, Wastewater Superintendent

Absent: Council Member Ron Eash

Minutes from previous meeting of June 28, 2021, for Common Council and Executive meeting of July 8, 2021

Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

Claim Register – APV 14286 – 14356

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

2021 Salary Ordinance

- Increase James McDonald the Wastewater Superintendent to \$55,000 a year
- Previously \$23.72 per hour to an increase of \$28.64
- He has all license to do his position

Motion: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Sewer Forgiveness Application

- Ron Troyer turned in a Sewer Forgiveness Application for filling his pool
- Requesting a sewer forgiveness of \$34.01

Motion: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
Abstention: Ron Troyer

Water Superintendent

- Stewart and Naomi will get the advertisement for a new Water Superintendent
- Deadline for acceptance of applications is August 9, 2021.
- The advertisement should read based on experience
- Without a license the annual salary will be \$42,500 and with a water license the annual salary will be \$55,000

Motion: Adam Lambright

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

MPower

- This is a browser-based mapping/GIS tool that can facilitate asset management, Maintenance Management, Outage response, Load analysis/balancing, Trace flow analysis and more.
- This would replace the current Silversmith program
- The cost is \$12,250.00
- The annual cost thereafter would be \$4000

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

June Water Consumption Report was emailed to council prior to meeting.

Pay Ap 2 from FCI Construction for the Water Plant was presented to council

- \$213,550.50
- Motion to disburse payment of Pay Ap 2 to FCI Construction

Motion: Adam Lambright

Seconded: Steve Schrock

Vote: All Ayes

Sewer Plant

- State Water Infrastructure Fund (SWIF) has a grant to use at the wastewater plant
- Stewart recommends applying for this grant

Motion to apply: Adam Lambright

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

North Main Street Sidewalks

- At car wash we have extra pavement and wanted to leave that curbface
- DLZ and Stewart think they can leave it all the way out to town limits
 - 6-foot sidewalk
- New grass will taper back to residence yard.
- Updated letter to residence affected will be hand delivered per Stewart.

Pay Ap 2 from Pulver Asphalt for 2021 Street Improvements

- \$91,171.59 minus \$13,675.74 that falls under the TIF
- With Recommendation to RDC for the TIF portion of the Pay Ap 2

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

Ryan with HPG has a Grant he would like to apply for on behalf of the town, due this week.

- It is a 50/50 match
- The grant money would be used for development cost at the new property
- Recommendation to RDC for this application

Motion: Steve Schrock

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

Stan Strater, Town Marshal

- Gave a 4th of July update
- All officers worked on 4th and was in parade

Attorney

Interlocal Agreement with Westview

- Sale of Old fire station. Buy based on estimate we have.
- At next meeting be presented for a final reading
- Attachment A - Purchase agreement Westview wants us to sign
- Give authority for Bill, Stewart or Ron Troyer to sign
- Inter local agreement B - agreement as to how we will pay off whatever bond issues we have
 - Modification is still needed
- Phases - Naomi will keep track of the phases, so it will be math to adjust if there is a bond or grants to decrease the dollar amount.
- Exhibit C - Resolution to allow us to have the new development in the TIF district

Other

- Ron Troyer - When can the Town sell the Tahoe? Stewart estimates the value between \$15 - \$19k. Advertise to sell with a reserve of 19k. Offer to another fire department as is for miles is est 80k, first meeting in August.

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Steve Schrock

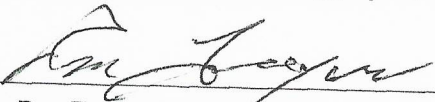
Vote: All Ayes

Ray Folk asked about the status of selling the Lagoon. Stewart stated we are waiting on report from IDEM before the final selling. Stewart will have a discussion with Forest River on who will cover the fire cost.

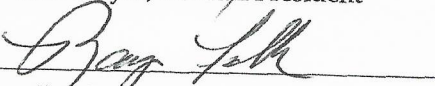
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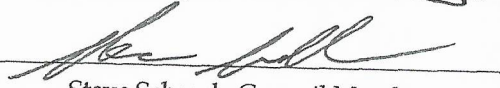
Adjournment


- 5:12 pm
- Next General Council meeting July 26, 2021, at 4p.m.

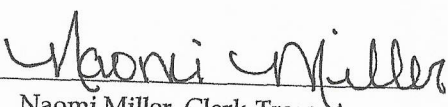

Ron Troyer, Council President


Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President


Ray Folk, Council Member


Steve Schrock, Council Member


Ron Eash, Council Member

ATTEST 
Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

