

**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes, July 26, 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; Casey Erwin with DLZ; Brock Pulver and Nathan Pulver with Pulver Asphalt; Urban Ley with Crosby Excavating; Jim Merkler; Butch Lehman

Attendance via Zoom: Bill Eberhard Town Attorney; James McDonald, Wastewater Superintendent

Absent: Council Member Ron Eash

**Minutes from previous meeting of July 12, 2021, for Common Council Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk

Seconded: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

**Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer**

Claim Register – APV 14357 – 14406

Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

**2021 Salary Ordinance Amendment**

- The amended ordinance includes the increase to Stewart Bender of \$4,500
- Ron Troyer recommends giving Greg Strawser a \$3,000 raise and Jamie Lambright a \$2,000 raise.
- Motion to adopt the amended ordinance with Stewart Bender, Greg Strawser and Jamie Lambright's raises.

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Steve Schrock

Vote: All Ayes

**Sewer Forgiveness**

- 226 S. Main Street filled pool
- Asking for a credit of sewer for \$67.58

Motion to give credit: Ray Folk

Seconded: Steve Schrock

Vote: All Ayes

**Ordinance 2021 – 20 Establishing the Town of Topeka ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.**

- Ordinance required to create a new fund
- Estimated Allocation \$276,571.36
- Waive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

Motion to Adopt: Steve Schrock

Seconded: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to waive second reading of Ordinance 2021 - 20

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Steve Schrock

Vote: All Ayes

June Financials were shared and reviewed by council

Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

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

Ditch Witch bid opening

- One bid received
  - Keep It Clean Pumping Service
    - \$36,789.57

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

Site concept meeting on development of ground for subdivision

- Executive Meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
  - Closed to the public
- Naomi will send a text reminding council day before.

2021 Community Crossing Matching Grant Application

- Pine Street \$904,000
- Babcock Street \$502,000
- Water Main on Babcock \$245,00
- Motion to proceed with submission of 2021 CCMG application

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

Update on North Main Street

- Nathan Pulver with Pulver Asphalt shared an update with council
  - North of Roy Street - curb and gutter on Wednesday
  - Following Wednesday thru Friday pour driveways

**Attorney**

Interlocal Agreement with Westview

- Attorney for Westview wants to make an adjustment to the agreement on keeping stats on the track payments
- This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and Bill will present at the August 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting for signature
- Closing on the old fire station will be 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>

Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Ray Folk

Second: Steve Schrock

Vote: All Ayes

U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration has \$3 billion in funding allocated to ARPA. Bill recommends applying to do infrastructure for the town's intended subdivision instead of a TIF bond.

**Other**


Stewart updated council on the lagoon. Jason with Loughheed will have the report on the lagoon done by the end of this week.

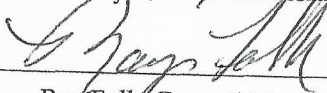
Councilman Steve Schrock would like to see a traffic sign going into his subdivision on North Street stating no outlet. Stewart said a sign is on order.

Councilman Ray Folk stated residences do not care for the posts in their lawns that house the fiber optic being installed in town. Stewart Bender stated the posts are in the utility right-a-way.

Adjournment

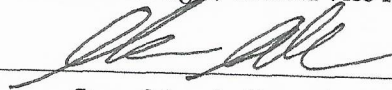
- 4:50 pm
- Next General Council meeting August 9, 2021, at 4p.m.

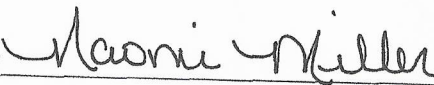
  
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Ray Folk, Council Member

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Ron Eash, Council Member

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Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President

  
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Steve Schrock, Council Member

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Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

