

**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes, October 11, 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, Steve Schrock, Adam Lambright, Doug Fought; Town Manager Stewart Bender; Clerk Treasurer, Naomi Miller and Town Attorney Bill Eberhard

Others in attendance: Stan Strater, Jr., Town Marshal; Amy Oberlin with Hurd Media; Cyndi Sadewasser, Deputy Clerk

Attendance via Zoom: Wastewater Superintendent, James McDonald

President Ron Troyer welcomed the new council member, Doug Fought to the board.

**Minutes from previous meeting of September 27, 2021, for Common Council Meeting**

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

**Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer**

Claim Register – APV 14658 – 14721

Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock                      Seconded: Doug Fought                      Vote: All Ayes

Public Hearing on 2022 Budget was opened

- o No Comments from the floor on the 2022 Budget hearing
- o Hearing was closed
- o Motion to adopt the 2022 budget

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

Resignation of Doug Fought and Sally Fought from the Board of Zoning and Appeals was presented to the board.

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

Resignation of Doug Fought from the Topeka Redevelopment Commission was presented to the board.

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

Clerk-Treasurer shared the Wastewater FUND report

- Report shows we are in the red
- Recommendation to utilize the Sewage Utility Depreciation Fund, 608 on items allowable by the State
- Motion to use the Depreciation Fund as allowed by the State

Motion: Ray Folk                      Seconded: Doug Fought                      Vote: All Ayes

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

Ashely Fire Dept still interested in the truck and came back with \$14,500

- Town Attorney Eberhard stated an interlocal agreement can be made for this purchase
- Motion to sell the Fire Truck

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Steve Schrock

Vote: All Ayes; Adam Lambright Abstain

Indemnity Agreement Resolution 2021-32 for Lakeland Title

- Alley there and vacated 8' behind the old fire station
- Agreed if anyone sues the school the town attorney will defend the town on that lawsuit

Motion: Doug Fought

Seconded: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

Affidavit in AID of Title

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Doug Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Warranty Deed - Closing Affidavit and Representative

Motion: Doug

Seconded: Adam

Vote: All Ayes

Resolution 2021-33 for ADA Plan

- Last and first-time plan was adopted in 2013
- This plan should be updated every 3 Years
- Stewart plans to update this annually so submission every 3 years will be easier to achieve

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Doug Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Resolution 2021-34 for Title VI Implementation Plan

INDOT required this to be updated

Motion to Adopt: Doug Fought

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

Lagoon Closure Update was shared with the council.

Not contacted Forest River yet

On latest sample testing for the 3 metals looking for. Tested higher inside of lagoon than outside

Trying to get with IDEM to see what solutions would be

Wants to check with IDEM about Risk based closure. But we may be unable to see if done.

Solution is to remove dirt and land apply it

Land application will take approximately a year to process

August Fire Reports were emailed to council prior to the meeting for review.

Road work update given

Prep'n sidewalks and drive's

Driveways on

Mill is scheduled to start on the 18th

Cameras installed at recycling

Water plant trusses set today

**Stan Strater, Jr., Town Marshal**

- PD Reports August Reports
- Halloween will be October 30 from 6 - 8pm on Saturday
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> annual breaching the barricade
  - Great conference

Tahoe is in Ft. Wayne.

**Bill Eberhard, Town Attorney**

- Co-Counsel Request on lawsuit

Motion: Doug Fought                      Seconded: Ray Folk  
Vote: All Ayes with one Abstention: Adam Lambright


Redevelopment Ordinance for Residential TIF

- Public Hearing to set the Residential TIF area
- Positive Recommendation to RDC to move forward

Motion: Ray Folk                      Seconded: Doug Fought                      Vote: All Ayes


**Adjournment**

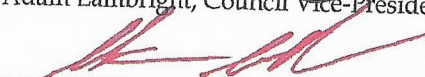
- 4:56 pm
- Next General Council meeting October 25, 2021, at 4p.m.

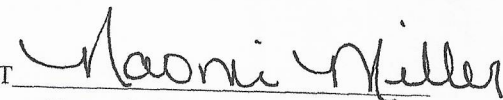
  
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Ron Troyer, Council President

  
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Ray Folk, Council Member

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Doug Fought, Council Member

  
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Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President

  
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Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST   
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Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

RDC

Open 5:57  
Close 5:13pm

Ray/Adam  
Minutes Ron/Adam  
Claims Ron/Adam

