

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, November 22, 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 and Clerk-Treasurer Naomi Miller

Others in attendance: Cyndi Sadewasser, Deputy Clerk; Skyler Donley Butch Lehman; Casey Erwin, DLZ

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

Minutes from previous meeting of November 8, 2021, for Common Council Meeting

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

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

Claim Register – APV – 14837 - 14901

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

September and October Financials

- Emailed to council prior to meeting
- Motion to accept September and October Financials

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

Additional Appropriations, Ordinance 2021-22

- According to Town Trustees, their budget for 2021 is short
- Remainder of balance will be paid in 2022
- The additional appropriations will be for \$200,000 to cover the cost of the new fire truck
- Motion to approve the additional appropriations and waive the 2nd reading

Motion: Doug Fought Seconded: Ray Folk
Vote: 4 Ayes and 1 Abstention, Adam Lambright

Motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2021-22 for Additional Appropriations

Motion: Ray Folk Seconded: Doug Fought
Vote: 4 Ayes and 1 Abstention, Adam Lambright

Vacation Request

- James McDonald has requested to carry over his vacation
- He cannot be paid out at the end of the year due to his years of service
 - Less than 5 years (10 days of vacation)
- 2020 vacation was carried over into 2021 due to Covid, 28 hours.
- Council suggested taking full Fridays off till the end of the year to use up time
 - McDonald and council agreed to this idea

2022 Salary Ordinance

- 2022 Salary Ordinance was shared with council
 - One with longevity pay and one without
- Ron Troyer would like to put Marshal Strater at \$65,000/year
- A recommendation was made for a 5% increase for Cyndi, Naomi, and deputies
- Clerk-Treasurer request for stipends on each accreditation achievement accomplished
 - Ron Troyer stated this can be addressed down the road but not now
- Park Board needs removed from salary ordinance
- Ray made a motion to put Stan's salary at 65k and 5% for Naomi, Cyndi and deputies and table longevity
 - Lack of a 2nd, motion died

Ray made another motion to increase Stan to 65k a year and 5% for Naomi, Cyndi and deputies and include the longevity pay

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded by Doug Fought

Vote: 3 Ayes and 2 Nays

Ayes: Ron Troyer, Ray Folk and Doug Fought

Nays: Steve Schrock and Adam Lambright

Longevity will be \$100 a year after 5 years of employment to be paid out at the end of each year, capped at \$3,000

Motion to approve: Doug Fought

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote 3 Ayes and 2 Nays

Ayes: Ron Troyer, Ray Folk and Doug Fought

Nays: Steve Schrock and Adam Lambright

Naomi and Bill will create ordinance for longevity to present at next council meeting.

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

Water Plant Work Allowance

- \$60,000 available for work allowance
- Change Order #2 - Extended Brick Face
- Change Order #4 - Well Raw Water Piping Revisions
- Change Order #6 - Sanitary Sewer Revisions
- Change Order #9 - Aluminum Door Window Revisions
- Change Order #10 - Material Change to Limestone
- Motion to pay Change Order 2, 9 and 10 only

Motion: Steve Schrock

Seconded: Doug Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Stan Strater, Jr., Town Marshal - Topeka Police Department


- September and October reports emailed to council prior to meeting

Other

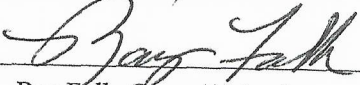
- Doug Fought asked about sewer plant additions
 - New blowers were installed at the sewer plant and running well
- Stewart stated there is a horse in the garage at South Main Street resident. The property does not meet the requirements on the Town horse ordinance. Bill suggested getting to Robbie at the County since the request for a horse was denied due to town horse ordinance.
- Update was given on the fence matter on Todd Street
 - Resident moved fence from the east neighbor's property but not off the town's property. Once time lapses Bill will take them to court.

Adjournment

- 4:55 pm
- Next General Council meeting December 13, 2021, at 4p.m.




Ron Troyer, Council President



Ray Folk, Council Member




Doug Fought, Council Member



Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President



Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST 

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC, CMC

