

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes, December 13, 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, and Clerk-Treasurer Naomi Miller

Others in attendance: Cyndi Sadewasser, Deputy Clerk; Casey Erwin, DLZ; Joslyn Marnier, Jocelynn Schrock, Bodie Martin, Sarabeth Drew, Kent Caston, Joe Ratliff, Harold Gingerich, Amy Oberlin, Hunter Wilkinson, George Harris, and Marshal Stan Strater

Attendance via Zoom: Town Attorney Bill Eberhard; Wastewater Superintendent, James McDonald and Town Manager Stewart Bender

Minutes from previous meeting of November 22, 2021, for Common Council Meeting

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

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer

Claim Register – APV – 14902 - 14970

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

1782 Notice

- Budget Year 2022
- Budget was approved as is without changes

An Ordinance defining and describing longevity pay for the employees of the Town of Topeka

- Ordinance 2021-23
- Longevity will be \$100 a year after 5 years of employment/service
- Paid out at the end of each year
- Capped at \$3,000

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

2022 Salary Ordinance

- 2022 Salary Ordinance was shared with council

Motion: Ray Folk Seconded Doug Fought Vote: All Ayes

Town Attorney Appointment

- Bill Eberhard presented his terms for the 2022 term as the Town Attorney
- Rate for 2022 is \$175 per hour
- Rate in matters related to bond and tax financing, \$200

Motion to retain: Doug Fought

Second: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

Region 3A

- 2022 Region 3-A Board of Directors is requesting an appointment on their board to represent the Town of Topeka
- Ray Folk recommended Stewart Bender, Town Manager as the appointee

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk

Second: Steve Schrock

Vote: All Ayes

Resolution 2021-37

- Resolution allowing the Clerk-Treasurer to pay bills after the last Town Council Meeting of the year and the executive of the board may sign anything needed signed outside of a regularly scheduled council meeting till the end of the year

Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock

Second: Doug Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

Town of Wolcottville Sewer

- Email from James McDonald prior to the meeting asking to continue coverage at the sewer plant
- Council discussed and was all in agreement to allow McDonald to continue assisting the Town of Wolcottville.

Wastewater HVAC

- Furnace was not working over Thanksgiving
- This is original furnace when plant was built
- Quote from Harrel Mechanical & Construction to replace for \$6,800

Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock

Second: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

Police Station HVAC

- Two existing furnaces for Police and attached restrooms
- 50k BTU's. On controls back office and bathroom and other is the front of the building.
- Recommends replacing with one system
- Quote from Harrel Mechanical & Construction to replace for \$12,500

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk

Seconded: Doug Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Resolution of the Town Council of Topeka, Indiana concerning Authorization for Execution of INDOT Agreements

- Resolution 2021-38
- Allowing the Executive of the Town to sign any INDOT documents required
- Motion: Steve Schrock

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

Water Plant Work Allowance

- \$60,000 available for work allowance
- Change Order #2 - Extended Brick Face
- Change Order #9 - Aluminum Door Window Revisions
- Change Order #10 - Material Change to Limestone
- Motion to allow Change Order 2, 9 and 10

Motion: Steve Schrock

Seconded: Doug Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Water Plant Renovation/Addition

- Pay Application #6 shared with council totaling \$437,931
- Motion to pay

Motion: Doug Fought

Seconded: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

North Main Street CCMG

- Final Change order 1 showing a decrease in the contract amount of \$ \$105,652.07
- Pulver Pay Ap 6 for \$473,866.97
- Pulver Pay Ap 7 for \$102,678.15
- 100% through contract
- Town is still holding 2% of retainage, \$25,669.54
 - Reseeding in the spring 2022
- Motion to approve Pulver change order and Pay Apps 6 and 7

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Steve Schrock

Vote: All Ayes


Other

Kent Caster for the Solid Waste District was introduced by Harold Gingerich. He plans to try and attend more meetings the Solid Waste District works with.

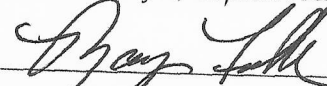
Harold Gingerich shared the Mile 146 Newsletter with council

Adjournment

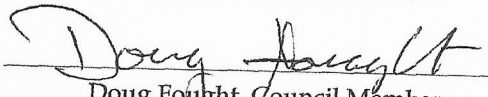
- 4:30 pm
- Next General Council meeting January 10, 2022, at 4p.m.



Ron Troyer, Council President




Ray Folk, Council Member

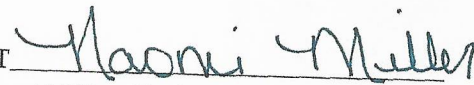


Doug Fought, Council Member

Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President



Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST 

Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC, CMC

