



**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2022, 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 Attorney representative Charity Murphy and Clerk-Treasurer Naomi Miller

Others in attendance: Cyndi Sadewasser, Deputy Clerk; Harold Gingerich, Town Marshal Strater, Jr; Constance Hilligoss, Elijah Yoder, Katelynn Anderson, Casey Irwin with DLZ; and Buddy Miller

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

**Minutes from previous meeting of February 28, 2022, for Common Council Meeting**

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

**Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer**

Claim Register – APV – 15290 - 15344

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

**Redevelopment Commission Appointment**

- Current vacancy on commission
- 2 residences are interested in vacancy
  - Constance Hilligoss, 414 N. Main Street
  - Mark Webster, 803 S. Main Street
- Written vote was taken
  - Constance Hilligoss – 1 Votes
  - Mark Webster – 4 Votes
- Motion to appoint Mark Webster to the RDC

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

**Utility Write Off's**

- Six accounts are in arrears for lack of payment when moved out of town or have passed away
- Total of all six accounts is 1166.58
- Motion to write off the past due accounts

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

Clerk-Treasurer resignation

- Letter of resignation was served to council
- Last day, April 1, 2022

Motion to accept: Doug Fought

Seconded: Adam Lambright

Vote: All Ayes

Revised Salary Ordinance 2022 was shared with council

- Giving Town Manager additional pay raise agreed upon in 2021
- Steve made a motion to table conversation till next meeting

Motion: Steve Schrock

Seconded: Doug Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

Notice to Proceed

- 2022 Street Improvements (2021-2 CCMG Funding)
- Motion to sign the notice to proceed with Pulver Excavation
  - Recommendation to the RDC

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Doug Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Pay Application 8 - Water Plant

- Current payment due, \$176,086
- 5% retainage is kept, \$143,731.84
- Motion to submit payment for SRF disbursement

Motion: Ray Folk

Seconded: Steve Schrock

Vote: All Ayes

Proposal for Water Treatment & Wastewater Facility

- Silversmith software for maintenance, status and tracking system
- \$2000 set up both with annual cost for both is \$1000
- Dollar amount will be submitted to SRF for reimbursement
- \$25k for asset management with SRF contract

Motion: Doug Fought

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

Hiring Summer Help

- Butch Lehman, Marcus Fry and Jason Fry summer help

Motion to hire: Adam Lambright

Seconded: Doug Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Stan Strater, Jr, Town Marshal

- Horse Sale at auction this week
- More RV's missing from Crossroads

Town Attorney

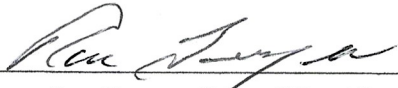
Charity is working on TIF project for the housing development

Other

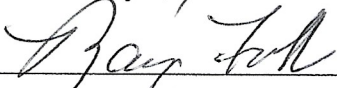
Harold passed out the Mile 146 paper

Adjournment

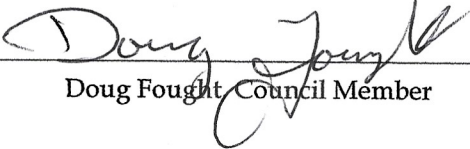
- Ron Troyer closed the Council Meeting at 4:33 pm
- Next General Council meeting March 28, 2022, at 4p.m.



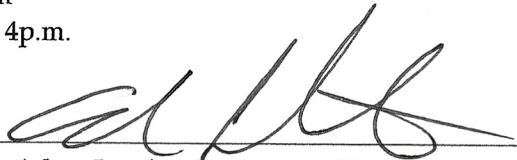
Ron Troyer, Council President



Ray Folk, Council Member



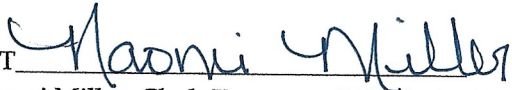
Doug Fought, Council Member



Adam Lambright, Council Vice-President

Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST



Naomi Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC, CMC

