

**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes February 13th, 2023, 4:00pm**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Board President – Common Council Meeting

**Roll Call**

Present: Council Member Ron Troyer, Ray Folk, Steve Schrock, Adam Lambright, Doug Fought; Town Attorney representative Charity Murphy.

Others in attendance: Cyndi Sadewasser, Deputy Clerk; Town Marshal Strater, Jr; Cora Miller, Yahia, Mark Webster, Mohamed Aamry, Harold Gingerich, Lea Parks, Stewart Bender, Town Manager.

**Minutes from previous meeting of January 23rd, 2023, for Common Council Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright                      Seconded: Steve Schrock                      Vote: All Ayes

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

Claim Register – APV – 16478 - 16559

Motion to Approve: Ron Troyer                      Seconded: Adam Lambright                      Vote: All Ayes

**Topeka Elementary Fundraiser:** Order one dozen at \$10 for employees

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

**Withholding tax penalties and Interest:** Owe \$671.77 for late fees and Interest.

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk                      Seconded: Ron Troyer                      Vote: All Ayes

**302 W Lake Royal Express requesting sign permit:**

Motion to Approve: Ron Troyer                      Seconded: Ray Folk                      Vote: All Ayes

**NIPSCO Incentive rebate from upgrades at water treatment plant**

**Wetland reports for residential housing land has now been submitted to IDEM for their approval.**

**Keystone tax abatements that were unsigned from 05/2022**

Motion: Ron Troyer                      Seconded: Ray Folk                      Vote: All Ayes

**INPRS Authorized Agent:** Add Suzy Bass until new clerk starts.

Motion to Approve: Ron Troyer                      Seconded: Ray Folk                      Vote: All Ayes

**Region 3-A Appointment:** Stewart Bender, Town Manager

Motion to Approve: Ron Troyer Seconded: Adam Lambright                      Vote: All Ayes

**SRF #34,35,36 for water treatment plant:**

Motion to Approve: Ron Troyer

Seconded: Ray Folk

Vote: All Ayes

**Request for Stewart and Dean to attend Alliance Spring Conference:**

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk

Seconded: Ron Troyer

Vote: All Ayes

**Road crack sealing quotes:** Recommendation from Town Manager to go with Pavement Solutions.  
\$8500.00 first day and \$8,000.00 each day after.

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk

Seconded: Ron Troyer

Vote: All Ayes

**January water production report for council**

Harold Gingerich gave County Council update on county road projects and shared information on historical society.

**Town Attorney**

Charity discussed keeping Jessica Slattery bond until at least another clerk fills the position.

**Discussed getting a written agreement between Town and Suzy Bass for work she is performing.**

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk

Seconded: Ron Troyer

Vote: All Ayes

**Request to SBOA to audit books for 2022:**

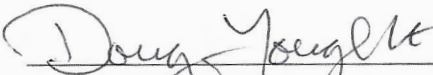
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk

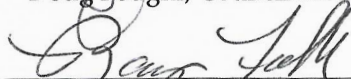
Seconded: Adam Lambright

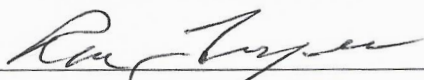
Vote: All Ayes


**Adjournment**


- Doug Fought closed the Council Meeting at 4:35 pm
- Next General Council meeting February 27, 2023, at 4p.m.

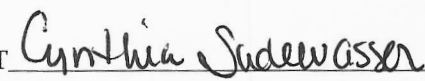
  
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Doug Fought, Council President

  
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Ray Folk, Council Member

  
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Ron Troyer, Council Member

  
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Adam Lambright, Vice President

  
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Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST   
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Cynthia Sadewasser, Deputy Clerk Treasurer