

**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023 4:00pm**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Council President, Doug Fought

**Roll Call**

Present: Council Member Steve Schrock, Doug Fought President; Ray Folk, Adam Lambright Vice President, Town Attorney Charity Murphy, Lea Parks Clerk-Treasurer

Others in attendance: Cyndi Sadewasser, Deputy Clerk; Stewart Bender, Town Manager; Audrey Taylor, Hope Bortner, Casey Irwin, Harold Gingerich, Mark Webster

**Minutes from previous meeting of August 28, 2023, for Common Council Meeting**

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

**Executive Session Minutes from August 28, 2023**

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

**Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer**

- Claims  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes
- Aim Medical Insurance currently at 4.1% will increase for 2024 to 7.1%
- Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve ½ day will be observed on December 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes

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

- Clothing Allowance - Street Superintendent started on 4.11.2023 will prorate clothing allowance  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes
- The mixer and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tank at WWTP will be moved into place.
- Contractor at West Park has punch list to finish up project
- The curb and sidewalk seal and caulk repair by church
- WWTP - Pay App #9 - Recommendation for RDC  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Adam Lambright      Vote: All Ayes

Town Marshal

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Town Attorney

- West Park Pavillion Rental Fee making \$50 for Pavillion and \$100 for Pavillion with Kitchenette
- Liquidation Letter was sent out to Contractor and punch list is being worked on to finish up project.
- The Pickle ball courts in LaGrange are not the same as what the Council is wanting for Topeka at East Park.

Other

Harold Gingerich

- Fire Dept and First Responders - Would like to commend them on their efforts in responding to an accident involving a 10 year old boy.
- 22 years ago, today observing the lives lost of men and women on 9/11
- Discussed LaGrange County 2024 Wage Budget
- Discussed Major Moves Donated \$400,000 to LaGrange for tournaments at ball diamonds and brought up when Butch Lehman was discussing making the ball diamonds at East park Turf Fields for tournaments in Topeka.

Steve Schrock


- Discussed at looking into at East Park Cement Cornhole Games and Ping Pong Tables

Ray Folk

- Observing the lives lost of men and women on 9/11

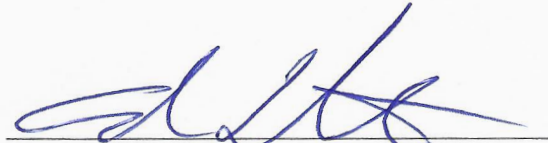
Adjournment

- Doug Fought closed the Council Meeting at 4:36pm  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Adam Lambright    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting September 25, 2023, at 4p.m.



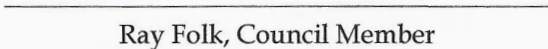

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Doug Fought, Council President



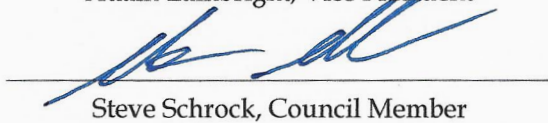

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Adam Lambright, Vice President



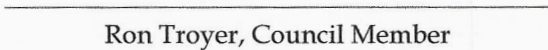

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Ray Folk, Council Member




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Steve Schrock, Council Member




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Ron Troyer, Council Member

ATTEST  

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Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer