

Topeka Town Council

124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana

General Meeting Minutes November 13, 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; Adam Lambright Vice President, Ray Folk, Ron Troyer, Via Zoom Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Lea Parks Clerk-Treasurer

Others in attendance: Marshal Stan Strater Jr, Harold Gingerich, Cyndi Sadewasser Deputy Clerk, Stewart Bender Town Manager, Nevaeh White, Kaitlin Nuzam, Noor Omar, Mahasen Omar, Joel Bish, Earl Slabach, Casey Erwin, Mark Webster, Hammal Omar

Minutes from previous meeting of October 23, 2023, for Common Council Meeting

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

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

- Claims – Pg 15 correction canceled check and reissued to correct vendor.
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Ron Troyer Vote: All Ayes
- September 2023 Monthly Financial – Q. Why does the Bank Recs show posted years of 2021 and 2022? A. These are outstanding checks
- Joel Bish – Cat Snip – Asking for approval for a Cat House in the woods by recycling bins
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Ron Troyer Vote: All Ayes
- 215 W Pine St – Krystal Geller – Utility Fee \$1,358.63 – Previous renter – Town Attorney looking into legal issues.
- Horse Hitching Post Areas – Town Attorney writing letter to businesses of Hold Harmless Agreement for Town street sweeper while on private property.

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- SRF Disbursement #46 - \$3,727.75
Motion to Approve: Ron Troyer Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Garbage bids Awarded to Borden Waste Away
Motion to Approve: Ron Troyer Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- HPG Request for Financing – Reimbursement Agreement - \$8,190.00 – Positive Recommendation to RDC
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

- 417 N. Main – Asking for Letter of Recommendation for cement slab on property
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Adam Lambright Vote: All Ayes
- Pay App #11 – Positive Recommendation to RDC \$484,118.21
Motion to Approve: Ron Troyer Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- SRF Disbursement #42 - \$189,005.53 and Final Change order based on remaining work to be completed verified by Town Manager
Motion to Approve: Ron Troyer Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Thermal Camera and Helmet Quote - \$6,245.00
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Ray Folk Vote Not All Ayes
Abstained: Adam Lambright
- Christmas in Topeka – Having it at Fire Station on December 9, 2023 along with pancake and sausage and Santa from 8-10am. \$50 for Santa
Motion to Approve: Ron Troyer Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Fire LIT funds what is left in appropriations to use at end of year payment towards new 2026 Pierce Enforce PUC Pumper Firetruck
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: Not All Ayes
Abstained: Adam Lambright

Town Marshal

- Body Cameras – Qty 5 – 5 year Warranty – Motorola Solutions - \$11,195.00
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Ron Troyer Vote: All Ayes
- 10ft Table and 8 Chairs Quote - \$2,237.82
Motion to Approve: Adam Lambright Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Would like to do Employee Performance Evaluations for his dept and base that on there pay raises. Clerk Treasurer will look into the employee handbook on policy.
- Notre Dame requesting to have Town Marshal on property for a Sporting event in Officer attire.
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Adam Lambright Vote: All Ayes
- Promotion for Carl Miller for 4th Officer in 2024 and would like to send to Academy
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Adam Lambright Vote: All Ayes

Town Attorney

- Conflict Resolution Ordinance – Tabled till next meeting
- Employee Handbook Policy Changes – Needs corrections on Policy 305 - Holidays

Other

Would like to recognize the Topeka Fire Dept for all their efforts and assistance on November 3, 2023

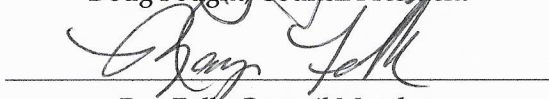
Adjournment

- Doug Fought closed the Council Meeting at 5:07pm
Meeting Adjourned
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Ron Troyer Vote: All Ayes

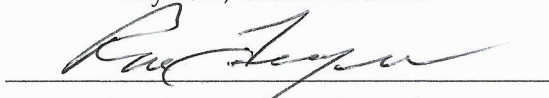
- Next General Council meeting November 27, 2023, at 4p.m.



Doug Fought, Council President




Ray Folk, Council Member




Ron Troyer, Council Member

Adam Lambright, Vice President



Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST 

Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer