

Topeka Town Council

124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana

General Meeting Minutes December 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, Ron Troyer, Adam Lambright
Vice President, Via Zoom Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Lea Parks Clerk-Treasurer

Others in attendance: Marshal Stan Strater Jr, Stewart Bender Town Manager, DLZ Casey Erwin; Cyndi Sadewasser Deputy Clerk, Marlynn Mast, Isaak Moore, Westan Walren, Keelee Palmer, Mark Webster, Harold Gingerich, Riley Helman, Khatab Fadil

Minutes from previous meeting of November 27, 2023, for Common Council Meeting

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

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

- Claims

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

- Resolution 2023-42 – For Clerk Treasurer to pay end of year 2023 bills.

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

- SBOA meeting Jan. 16-18 for Clerk Treasurer

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

- 1782 Notice Budget Year 2024 – Was approved and no changes requested

- October 2023 Monthly Financial

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

- Local Government Resources, LLC – Rate increase from \$115 to \$150 for 2024

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

- Representation for 2024 – Eberhard, Weimer & Glick – Rate did not change – General Counsel & Litigation \$175, Issuance of bonds & tax incremental financing \$200

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

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- Baird Tree Service – Cut down 4 trees - Quote \$4,300.00

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

- Salt Spreader – Cost not to exceed \$5,000
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Ron Troyer Vote All Ayes
- Subway Lift Station for 2024 – Received 3 Quotes – Awarded to Weller Electric – Cost \$33,610
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Gathered – South East Corner – Overhang above door - Letter of Recommendation
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Adam Lambright Vote: All Ayes
- Town Businesses Sign out by IN-5 – Waiting on receiving all the quotes
- Community Crossing – Apply in January request full amount – monies left over – Apply In July for options of additional road projects.

Town Marshal

- Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy 2024 dues - \$2000
Motion to approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Adam Lambright Vote: All Ayes

Town Attorney


- Conflict Resolution Ordinance – 2023-12-11 – First Reading was nullified and will bring second reading and explain changes.
Motion to approve Steve Schrock Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Policy 305 – Holidays – Holidays accumulated for a one time end of year bonus check at time plus one-half
- ON Call Pay – Setting up a minimum of 2 hours – Will have at next meeting


Other

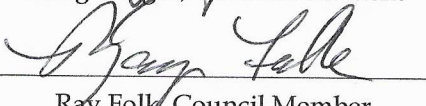
- Ron Troyer – Served for 20 years as Town Council Member and would like to say “Thank You to Everyone it has been an Honor.”


Adjournment

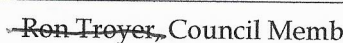
- Doug Fought closed the Council Meeting at 4:45pm
Meeting Adjourned
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting January 8, 2024, at 4p.m.



Doug Fought, Council President


Adam Lambright, Vice President


Ray Folk, Council Member


Steve Schrock, Council Member


Ron Troyer, Council Member

ATTEST 
Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer