

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes January 13, 2025 4:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Call to order by President, Adam Lambright

Roll Call

Present: Council Member, Adam Lambright, Ray Folk, Marlynn Mast, Steve Schrock, Justin Geigley, Lea Parks Clerk-Treasurer

Others in attendance: Via Zoom Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Stewart Bender-Town Manager, Stan Strater Jr-Marshal, Cyndi Sadewasser-Deputy Clerk, Nick Kwarik, Harold Gingerich, Mark Webster, Casey Erwin DLZ, Jim Carmichael, Henry Miller, Lakota Everitt, Fritz Helmuth, Keith Kaufman, Larry Yoder, Hyde Alyahiri, Sarah Alshuga, Hoyda Alyahiri

- Members of Topeka Town Council were sworn in for 2025 by Clerk Treasurer
- The 2025 Nepotism forms were signed by Council and Clerk Treasurer

Officer Election for 2025

Nomination for Council President

Motion to Nominate Adam Lambright: Steve Schrock Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

Nomination for Council Vice-President

Motion to Nominate Steve Schrock: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Nomination for Secretary for Town Council, Redevelopment Commission, Park Commission

Motion to Nominate Lea Parks: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Appointment of Commissioners for Fire, Police, and Employees

Nomination for Fire Commissioner

Motion to Nominate Justin Geigley: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Nomination for Police Commissioner

Motion to Nominate Ray Folk: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

Nomination for Park & Street Commissioner

Motion to Nominate Marlynn Mast: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Nomination for Water & Wasterwater Commissioner

Motion to Nominate Steve Schrock: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Confirmation of Department Heads for 2025

Park Department: Greg Strawser

Street Department: Travis Hostetler

Wastewater Department: Kenneth Sprague

Water Department: Kevin Wright

Town Manager: Stewart Bender

Police Marshal: Stanley Strater

Motion to Approve the 2025 Department Heads: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Minutes from previous meeting of December 16, 2024, for Common Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

- Claims December 16-31, 2024 - Addendum for Travis Hostetler
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Claims January 1-13, 2025
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- DLZ Town Engineer Representation for the 2025 Calendar Year
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- 2025 Salary Ordinance - Laborer position 3% cost of living correction from \$24.00 to \$24.72
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- 2025 Calendar Year Workshop Meetings be held on the 4th Monday of every month after Town Council and Park Board Meeting
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- December Water Consumption
- Solar Discussion & Agreement with Bakertilly - Council President Adam Lambright Appoints a Solar Committee for information by Feb.10, 2025 of Steve Schrock, Marlynn Mast, Harold Gingerich, Stewart Bender - Table till next meeting
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Fire Training - 2 Day Course for Fire Chief in Plainfield - Hotel for 2 Nights
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Town Marshal

- Town Council glad to see Stan Strater here at meeting and to take it easy

Town Attorney

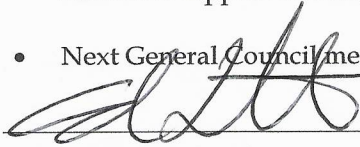
- Requesting Authority to Pursue Marcus Fry on collection letter fees of \$15,200
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Wants to Recommend the Bakertilly Agreement about the Solar

Other

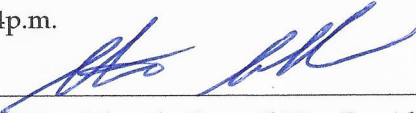
- Fritz Helmuth - Discussion on Town Code and Various Issues
- Casey Erwin DLZ - CCMG 2025-1 Lehman DR and Storm Sewer - Recommendation to RDC Council to Apply for CCMG 2025-1
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 5:40pm
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting January 27, 2025, at 4p.m.




Adam Lambright, Council President



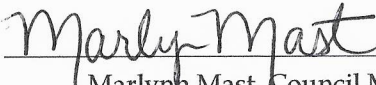
Steve Schrock, Council Vice President



Ray Folk, Council Member



Justin Geigley, Council Member



Marlynn Mast, Council Member

ATTEST 

Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer