

**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes January 27, 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, Casey Erwin DLZ, Greg Strawser, Butch Lehman, Michelle Patrick LaGrange Standard-News

**Minutes from previous meeting of January 13, 2025, for Common Council Meeting**

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

**Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer**

- Claims  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
- November 2024 Monthly Financials  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
- Info Discussion on Bakertilly Rate Study corrections being done

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

- December 2024 Run Reports
- Solar & Bakertilly & Nipsco - Project Discussion - Setting up meeting with Nipsco
- DLZ Casey Erwin - CCMG 2024-2 Ohio Street Bids  
Accept the Bid as submitted  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes  
Award lowest bid to Niblock Excavating - \$404,525.00  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes  
Sign Owner-Contractor Agreement  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes  
Signing Funding Request Letter and Submit all paperwork to INDOT by March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Deadline  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes

- DLZ - Casey Erwin - CCMG 2025-1 Lehman Dr. and Storm Sewer - \$325,000 - Commitment letter  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes
- Construction starting on East Lake St. on 1/28/2025

**Town Marshal**

- Nov. & Dec. Activity Reports
- Quote - Requesting a 2025 Chevy Silverado - Kelley Chevy, LLC - \$52,700.00  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes

**Town Attorney**

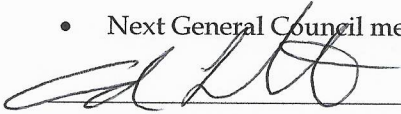
- Discussion on Bakertilly Rate Study corrections

**Other**

- Ray Folk - Asking about Travis Hostetler equipment at Town shop
- Discussion on Bike Trail

**Adjournment**

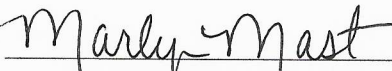
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:46pm  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting February 10, 2025, at 4p.m.


  
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Adam Lambright, Council President

  
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Steve Schrock, Council Vice President

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Ray Folk, Council Member

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Justin Geigley, Council Member

  
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Marlynn Mast, Council Member

ATTEST   
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Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer