

**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes February 10, 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, Lea Parks Clerk-Treasurer

**Others in attendance:** Via Zoom Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Stewart Bender-Town Manager, Stan Strater Jr-Marshal, Mark Webster, Harold Gingerich, Hussein Hussein, Clayton Evans, Lyn Stutzman, Mike Wingard

**Minutes from previous meeting of January 27, 2025, for Common Council Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes

**Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer**

- Claims  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes
  
- DLZ – Inv# 000604217 - \$486.00 – Police Station Evaluation – Request approval to pay invoice  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes
  
- March 10, 2025 Town Council & RDC Meeting will be moved and held on March 24, 2025 along with Park Board – Clerk Treasurer will bring a Resolution to the February 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting for the Month of March to Pay Bills accordingly  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes

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

- January Water Consumption
  
- Safe Haven Baby Box – Lyn Stutzman approached Stewart Bender - Request to Install at Fire Station – Safe Haven has an annual \$500 fee for the maintenance and for the box being maintained throughout the year – Lyn Stutzman has acquired all the funding for this install of a Safe Haven Baby Box  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes  
Request for Stewart Bender and Town Attorney to go through the Lease & Service agreement for being a Provider  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes
  
- LCEDC – Sherri Johnston – Discussion on Community Relations, Involvement and Development

- 428 W Lake Property – Replat & Development Plan – Requesting a Positive Recommendation  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes
- Topeka Townwide Income Survey Discussion
- Photon Electric – Estimate – Nipsco – Discussion – Table Till March 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: All Ayes
- 2024-2 CCMG Ohio Street Agreement – Niblock Agreement  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes
- East Lake St. Project – Sewer Lateral between 2 homes discussion – Town Manager will bring to next Council Meeting

#### Town Marshal

- The 2015 Dodge truck getting ready to go to Westview in a couple of weeks and the new 2025 Chevy Silverado should have around the middle of March

#### Town Attorney

- Ordinance 2025-2-10 for appointing Town Representatives for Property Purchase  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: All Ayes

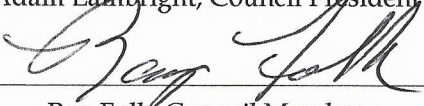
#### Other

- Marlynn Mast – Downtown Revitalization Workshop April 9<sup>th</sup> in French Lick – Requesting to pay for 1 night hotel and Registration – Will have to come out of Gen.-Training Appropriation – Ray Folk recommends not to exceed \$450  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstained: Marlynn Mast
- Harold Gingerich – County Council info on applying for 2026 CCMG 16 miles going east of town road project – County will be working on the Horse Trough this year
- Harold Gingerich – Discussion on the SB1 that is going on at the State House
- Adam Lambright – Asking for Town Attorney to talk to Fritz Helmuth

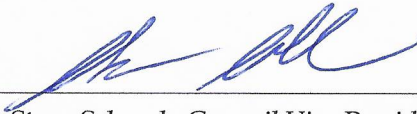
#### Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 5:32pm  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting February 24, 2025, at 4p.m.


  
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Adam Lambright, Council President

  
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Ray Folk, Council Member

  
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Marlynn Mast, Council Member

  
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Steve Schrock, Council Vice President

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Justin Geigley, Council Member

ATTEST   
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Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer