

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024 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: Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Stewart Bender-Town Manager, Stan Strater Jr-Marshal, Cyndi Sadewasser-Deputy Clerk, Todd Thurber DLZ, Harold Gingerich, Eugene Sherer, Mark Webster

Minutes from previous meeting of August 26, 2024, for Common Council Meeting

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

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

- Claims
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- REMC - Business Sign at IN-5 - Electric bill - \$162.75 - Town pays bill for now
- AIM - Insurance Premium - Cost Going up 3% for 2025 total 12 month premium - \$9,153 -
Requesting to stay with AIM Medical Insurance
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Contract for Fire Protection Services for Eden and Clearspring Townships
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Contract for Fire Protection Services for Topeka Fire Dept
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- API - Pay App 2 Michigan & Babcock - \$4,783.21
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- API - Pay App 3 Retainage Michigan & Babcock - \$16,639.51
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- API - Pay App 3 Sheridan, Zook & Mill - \$564,33.80
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- API - Pay App 4 Retainage Sheridan, Zook & Mill - \$62,464.77
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Todd Thurber, DLZ - Change order for Street Project - 2023 Street Improvement Zook, Mill & Sheridan - 2024 Street Improvement Michigan & Babcock
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Farmers State Bank - Proposal - Table till next meeting

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- 134 Yoder - Fence - Property Owner given a stop work order by Town Manager and LaGrange County - Property Owner using incorrect fence material per Ordinance 2024-4-22(A) and incorrect property line - Town Council gave a Negative Recommendation
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Schmidt Rental - North Golden Right-of-Way Easement - Owner Agrees to give the Town 50ft Easement for \$2,000 - For an Emergency Right-of-Way Easement
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Housing Development - Sycamore Grove Subdivision - Need 4 Road Names - Town Council Agreed on Cottonwood St., Maple Court, Walnut Court, Birch St. for the Road Names
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote All Ayes
- August Monthly Water Consumption

Town Marshal

- PD Basement - Work started on the basement

Town Attorney

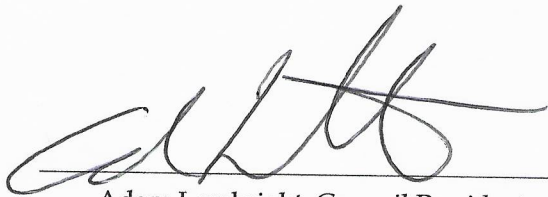
- 501c3 - Topeka Together has an EIN # - Town Attorney working on Non For Profit Corp

Other

- Harold Gingerich - LaGrange County Salary Budget agreed to 5% pay increase
- Harold Gingerich - Needing pictures or Copy of the Horses and Buggy on the Sale Barn

Adjournment

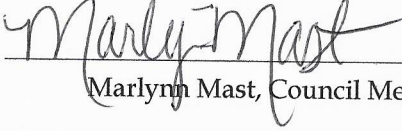
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:45pm
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting September 23, 2024, at 4p.m.



Adam Lambright, Council President



Ray F6lk, Council Member



Marlynn Mast, Council Member



Steve Schrock, Council Vice President



Justin Geigley, Council Member

ATTEST



Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer