

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes September 23, 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, 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, Savannah Vliet, Quinn Goff, Joe Urbanski, Butch Lehman, Tim Cleveland

Minutes from previous meeting of September 9, 2024, for Common Council Meeting

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

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

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

- Employee Review Pay Raise for Salary Ordinance for 2025 – Cost of Living 3% and 4% Merit based increase for all current employees
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

- Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget – Adam Lambright call to open – Had no responses on budget – Call to Close by Adam Lambright for the Public Hearing for 2025 Budget
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- Administration Management Workshop for September 16 at 3 pm and September 23 at 5pm – noted for meeting minutes

- Topeka Christian Assembly – Recommendation for Sewer Forgiveness of \$332.80 – Left water hose on after watering flowers
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

- August Monthly Financial
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

- EMC Insurance Renewal – Policy Term 10/01/2024-10/01/2025 – Total Premium Estimate \$61,765.00
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

- Farmers State Bank – Table till next meeting
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- Swing Person – Table till next Meeting
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: Not All Ayes
Voted Nay: Justin Geigley
- WWTP Superintendent – New Employee - 5 days of vacation for 2025 and 5 days of vacation for 2026
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Street Superintendent – Pallet Forks for backhoe – Quote – West Side Tractor Sales Co - \$5160.00
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote All Ayes
- Topeka Sign – \$1,000 Scholarship for an Art Student – Ordinance – Table till next meeting
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Lot 41 of Dutch Village – County Condemned
- 307 S Main St – Requesting recommendation to widen driveway – Drawing brought in did not conform to Zoning for LaGrange County – Negative Recommendation given
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Town Marshal

- PD Basement Project – Work on the basement completed

Town Attorney

- Business Sign IN-5 – Working on Agreement – Table till next meeting
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: Not All Ayes
Abstained: Marlynn Mast

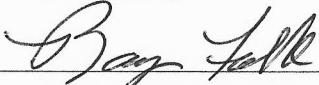
Other

- Justin Geigley – Stated how much we appreciate our employees
- Town Manager – Talked to Crossroads about their Corporate Office for a multi-purpose Town Hall

Adjournment

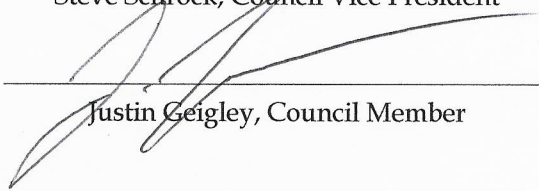
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 5:10pm
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting October 14, 2024, at 4p.m.


Adam Lambright, Council President


Ray Folk, Council Member


Marlynn Mast, Council Member


Steve Schrock, Council Vice President


Justin Geigley, Council Member

ATTEST 
Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer