

**Topeka Town Council**

**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**

**General Meeting Minutes December 16, 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-Marshall, Cyndi Sadewasser-Deputy Clerk, Nick Kwarik, Butch Lehman, Harold Gingerich, Mike & Ira Wingard, Mark Webster, Omar Seleh, Tetiana Jones, Casey Erwin DLZ

**Minutes from previous meeting of November 25, 2024, for Common Council Meeting**

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

**Executive Session Minutes of December 4, 2024**

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
- 2025 Meeting Schedule - Requesting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month for the 2025 Calendar Year  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes
- Attorney Representation for the 2025 Calendar Year  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
- Resolution No. 2024-44  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes
- 2025 Salary Ordinance and added Laborer position to the Clothing Allowance  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
- October Monthly Financials  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
- Schmidt Rentals - Sewer (\$2,305.14) and Water (\$1,935.67) Forgiveness - Total Credit to account \$4,240.81  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes

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

- November Water Consumption
- Fire Run Reports Sept - Nov 2024
- Region 3A - Ray Folk nominating Marlynn Mast at the 2025 Appointee  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- WWTP - Pay App #17 - \$91,831.39 - Recommendation to RDC  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Water Plant Backwash Pond Permit - Permit is now terminated
- 428 W Lake - Requesting Positive Recommendation - Building attachment to house and adjacent building  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Wellhead Protection - submitted to IDEM and Approved
- RFP - Solar Energy System Installation and Maintenance - Advertised in LaGrange Standard Newspaper on 11/20/2024 and 11/27/2024 - Bids take under advisement - Photon Electric bid on Water and Wastewater \$923,759 - Photon Electric bid on Fire Dept \$190,979  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- UV Disinfection System - ARPA - Change Order - Recommendation to RDC - ARPA \$277,618.23 - TIF \$213,052.12  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- 209 Zook St - Dale Rutledge - Fence Complaint - table till next meeting  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

**Town Marshal**

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**Town Attorney**

- Street Super Hold Harmless Agreement - Liability Waiver and Indemnity Agreement - For use of employee owned equipment  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes  
Equipment Invoice - Travis Hostetler - Invoice# 727 - Total \$40,222.50  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Ordinance No. 2024-12-16 - Amending No. 2014-5-12 and 2020-6 - Peddlers and Vendor  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

**Other**

- Adam Lambright - Thank you to everyone for a great year

- Casey Erwin DLZ - Ohio St - Request to move forward to advertise  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes
- Casey Erwin DLZ - Police Dept Building - have at January meeting site plan, floor plan and budget

**Adjournment**

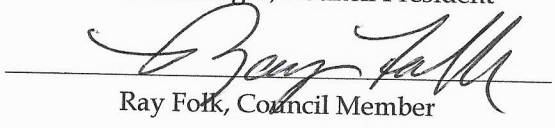
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:46pm  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting January 13, 2024, at 4p.m.



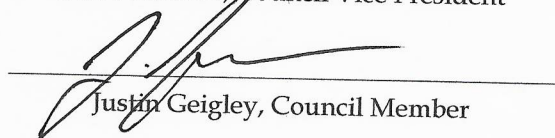
Adam Lambright, Council President



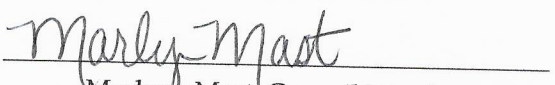
Steve Schrock, Council Vice President



Ray Folk, Council Member



Justin Geigley, Council Member



Marlynn Mast, Council Member

ATTEST   
Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer