

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes April 14, 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, Cyndi Sadewasser Deputy Clerk, Stan Strater Jr-Marshal, Stewart Bender Town Manager, Mark Webster, Renea Boots FSB, Duane Zurer FSB, Quinn Groff FSB, Harold Gingerich, Larry Yoder,

Minutes from previous meeting of March 24, 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
- March 2025 Monthly Financials
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Eden & Clearspring Township – Contract for Fire Protection Services from June 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2026
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- 319 S Harrison – Lance Kiles – Request to waive Final Utility Bill – Discussed a Collection letter and Stan finding where he lives – Table till next meeting
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- 3 Applications for Seasonal Part Time – Richard Miller, Dalton Schmidt, Judson Schrock - East Park Diamond Coordinator
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- Topeka/Wolcottville BZA Member – Jeff Helmuth filled out application for BZA
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- March Water Consumption
- Farmers State Bank – Property Purchase Convert to a parking lot – 116 N Babcock – Apply to County for a Variance and County has to notify surrounding homeowners knowing that there needs to be sufficient screening from County

Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

- Received Quotes for 3 Dash and 2 Dual Head mobile Radios \$13,400 + Shipping – Awarded to Rocky Mountain

Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- Ohio St Sewer – Received Quotes for Install – Awarded to Sunny Brook Excavating \$12,500

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

- Fuel Tracking System – Quote Keystone Cooperative - \$6,620

Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

- Truck Beds – Request to advertise for sale as a silent bid with option to refuse

Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

- Helmuth Tax Abatement Hearing – Table till the next meeting and have forms corrected

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

- Keystone Tax Abatement Hearing – Forms are noncompliance and Recommendation to Deny Tax Abatement

Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: Not All Ayes

Abstained: Ray Folk

Town Marshal

- January and February Activity Report
- Lane Norris and Jeff Persing New Reserve Officers – Resigned Reserve Officer Ashley Anglemyer

Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

Town Attorney

- Millersburg – Requesting to rent Town Street Sweeper and have cost at \$100 an hour and if they want it for a regular use then we will bring back to the Council and an Interlocal Agreement done up.

Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

- Requesting for Town Manager Stewart Bender to sign an RFP Affidavit for Biggs Construction

Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

- Marcus Fry – Will pay back the Town of Topeka \$15,200 in full by April 22, 2025 from previous Diamond Rentals – Also making Council aware that there is an Outstanding Pepsi bill that is not in the Town of Topeka’s name along with other bills that he owes as a result of him being the Softball Diamond and Men’s League Manager

Other

- Topeka Together – Larry Yoder - Table till next meeting

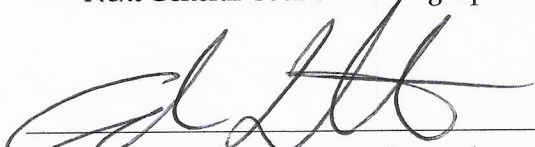
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

- Ray Folk – Requesting to use some of this payment from Marcus Fry from Diamond Rentals for Fireworks for Topeka Together for the 4th of July – Town Attorney suggesting we receive the money first.

- Adam Lambright - Requesting from the Council for West Park Rental for Topeka Together Farmer's Market on Thursday's from May 8 thru Oct 9 2025 - Justin Geigley moves to Approve the Rental Rate to \$25 for the 2025 Calendar year and revisit this in 2026
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: Not All Ayes
Nay: Steve Schrock
- Harold Gingerich - Observed kids on the new West Park Ball Diamonds - Requesting to have posted signs to Keep Off
- Harold Gingerich - Concern about Safety and Visibility of the new building on Main Street - Adam Lambright was told it was Zoned B1 - Town Attorney and Town Manager Stewart Bender reaching out to Robbi at County on this issue
- Marlynn Mast and Town Attorney - Discussion on Revitalization of Downtown Topeka

Adjournment

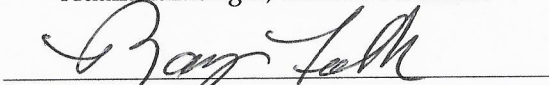
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 5:18pm
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting April 28, 2025, at 4p.m




Adam Lambright, Council President



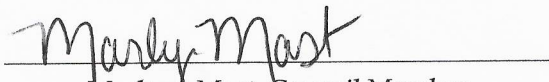
Steve Schrock, Council Vice President



Ray Folk, Council Member



Justin Geigley, Council Member



Marlynn Mast, Council Member

ATTEST 

Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer