

## **Topeka Town Council**

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

### **General Meeting Minutes April 28, 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, Greg Strawser, Marilyn Wingstrom, Casey Erwin DLZ, Dennis Lambright, Ethan Troyer, Jr Troyer, Butch Lehman, Fritz Helmuth

#### **Minutes from previous meeting of April 14, 2025, for Common Council Meeting**

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

#### **Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer**

- Claims  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
- 319 S Harrison - Lance Kiles - Request to waive Final Utility Bill - Discussed a Collection letter and Stan finding where he lives - Stan Requesting more time - Table till next meeting  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes

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

- LaGrange County Trails - Discussion on the plans for the Trail coming through Topeka - Requesting for DLZ to look into the preliminary plans and cost of Trail  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
- Job Description for Street Superintendent - Add to description minimum Class B CDL would be required within a year of hire  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes
- WWTP - Effluent Flow Meter and Install - Quotes - Request a do not exceed \$15,000  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes
- Tax Abatement - Freeman & Tina Helmuth (S&H Metal; Freedom Steel Works) Resolution # 2020-11 - also Resolution # 2017-5-22 are in Compliance - Noted that Resolution # 2014-10-27 withdrawn  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes
- Noted - Keystone Tax Abatement approved at April 14, 2025 Meeting has been Withdrawn

- 465 E Lake Volleyball Variance – Request for Positive Recommendation  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes
- Discussion East Lake St to half of the drive at Sale Barn Road Construction – No through traffic

**Town Marshal**

- Chaplain Training – Little Rock, Arkansas July 21-25, 2025 – Request not to exceed \$1,500  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes

**Town Attorney**

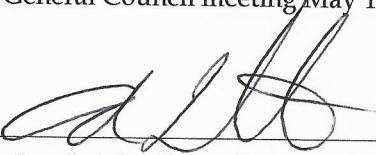
- Golden Acres – Recommend to turn Easement into Right of Way  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes

**Other**

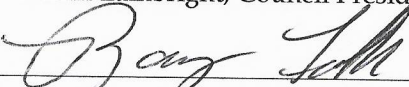
- Topeka Together – Justin Geigley move that we approve the expenditure of \$1,200 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks this year and that we would specifically budget for more in the coming years  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstained: Marlynn Mast
- Casey Erwin DLZ – Recommend to Advertise CCMG 2025-1 Project Lehman Ave and have bids for June meeting  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes

**Adjournment**

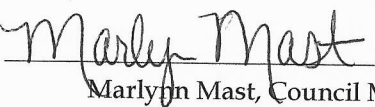
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 5:17pm  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting May 12, 2025, at 4p.m

  
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Adam Lambright, Council President

  
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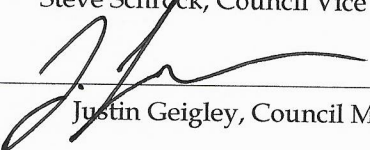
Ray Folk, Council Member

  
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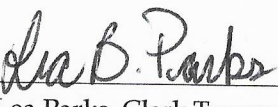
Marlynn Mast, Council Member

  
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Steve Schrock, Council Vice President

  
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Justin Geigley, Council Member

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Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer