

**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes May 12, 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:** Town Attorney Bill Eberhard, Stan Strater Jr-Marshall, Stewart Bender Town Manager, Cynthia Miller, Neal Miller, Ada Miller, James Carmichael Photon Electric, Ron Troyer, Mary Schwartz, Taiden Chambers, Perry Schwartz, Mark Webster, Jessica Palmer, Johnna Bailey, Harold Gingerich,

**Minutes from previous meeting of April 28, 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
- April 2025 Monthly Financials  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
- 319 S Harrison - Lance Kiles - Request to waive Final Utility Bill - Mailed Certified Collection letter and Stan finding where he lives  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes
- 218 N Main St - Craig Weaver - Final Utility Bill \$566.28 - Requested Town Attorney to contact utility customer for final payment  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes

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

- Helmuth Tax Abatement - Resolution # 2017-10-9 - Met Requirements and is in Compliance  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes
- 129 N Babcock St - Noah Neal & Ada Miller - Airbnb - Requested Letter of Recommendation  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes
- Solar Panels - Photon - Nipsco - Discussion about solar panels for the Town and Recommendation to the RDC  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: Not All Ayes  
Oppose: Steve Schrock

- White Fencing at Town Hall – Do not put Fence back up  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes
- Todd DLZ – Lehman Dr – Barr Tile Drain – Interlocal Agreement with County  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes
- API – Pay App #2 - \$814,061.17 – Need Concrete repairs – Todd, DLZ will contact contractor for repairs  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes
- Lot 61 & 62 Todd St – Taiden Chambers – Letter of Recommendation contingent home on a foundation  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes
- 119 S. Harrison – Wood Fencing – Request Letter of Recommendation  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: All Ayes

#### Town Marshal

- New Truck Equipment – Received quotes for equipment – Recommend not to Exceed \$12,000  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: All Ayes
- Recognize Tracey Persing on all his Years of Service
- Recognize Harold Gingerich for 20 Years of Service of Master Chaplain

#### Town Attorney

- Golden Acres - Schmidt Rentals – Recommend to turn into an Easement into Right of Way – Received signed Right of Way Easement on 5/13/2025
- Request to rewrite Ordinance 2024-12-16 for Peddlers and Vendors due to SBOA changes  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes

#### Other

- Adam Lambright – Reminder Meet Wednesday at 5:45 at Softball Diamonds
- Harold Gingerich – Solar discussion
- Harold Gingerich – Discussion about New System of Body Cams for Police Officers
- Harold Gingerich – Thursday at 9:30 Request for a Motion to Recognize our Police Officers with this being National Law Enforcement Week  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes
- Steve Schrock – Requesting Town of Topeka Address to be on the Utility Bills
- Marlynn Mast – Thank You to Tracey Persing for stepping up and helping at the Farmer’s Market
- Ron Troyer – Discussion about new Building on Main Street
- Adam Lambright – Reminder Next Council Meeting is on Tuesday May 27, 2025

Adjournment

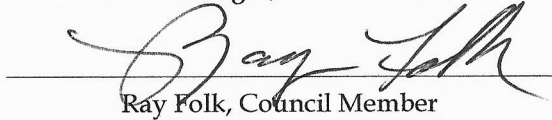
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 5:20pm  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting May 27, 2025, at 4p.m



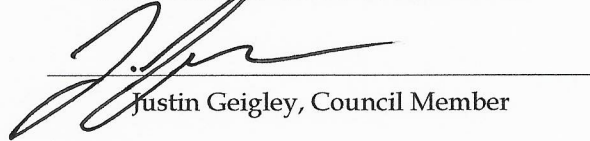
Adam Lambright, Council President



Steve Schrock, Council Vice President



Ray Folk, Council Member



Justin Geigley, Council Member



Marlynn Mast, Council Member

ATTEST   
Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer