

**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes May 27, 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, Stan Strater Jr-Marshal, Stewart Bender Town Manager, Cyndi Sadewasser Deputy Clerk, Tim Cleveland

**Minutes from previous meeting of May 12, 2025, for Common Council Meeting**

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

**Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer**

- Claims  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
  
- May 2025 Appropriation Report
  
- 319 S Harrison - Lance Kiles - Request to waive Final Utility Bill - Signed Certified Collection letter on 5/19/25 - Table till next meeting  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes
  
- DLGF - Levy Excess Fund - Transfer from Funds 0101 General \$5,203, 0708 Motor Vehicle Highway \$2,296, 1191 Cumulative Fire Special \$149, 1303 Park \$805, 2391 Cumulative Capital Development \$308, 6290 Cumulative Sewer \$264 into a Levy Excess Fund 2208900.000 with a total amount of \$9,025  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes
  
- Additional Appropriations - MVH-Machinery and Equipment Repairs - Fund # 2201001451.000 - \$40,000  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes
  
- IDEM Water Works Operator Certificate fulfilled the requirements for Certification by Stewart Bender - Per Employee Handbook and Salary Ordinance a one-time Licensing and Certification Bonus of \$500  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
  
- 217 Todd St - Water Leak - Request for Sewer forgiveness - \$182.32  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes

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

- Snax In Pax Tax Abatement - Resolution # 2014-12-2210 - Denied due to Not in Compliance - Expired in 2024  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: All Ayes
- Fire Runs - Jan. - Feb. 2025

**Town Marshal**

- Motorola Solutions - 5yr Warranty Service Contract Body worn Cameras and video - Qty 5 - Total amount of \$8,855  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes
- Recycle Bins - Request to add a Camera - Town Manager requested quote and will get with Clerk Treasurer
- Signs - Need No Alcohol signs
- AT&T - Hotspots - Stan requesting to be on account so that he is authorized to talk with AT&T on updating hotspots  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes
- Request to Recommend 4<sup>th</sup> Officer Lane Norris as the Third Deputy Marshal at \$26.33 as stated on the Salary Ordinance  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes

**Town Attorney**

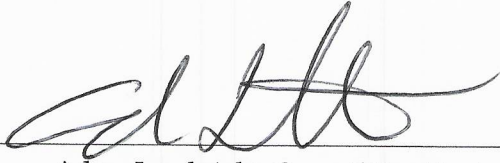
- Ordinance 2024-12-16 for Peddlers and Vendors made some Correction - Table till next meeting  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes
- Discussion on Club 720 and Invoice from Bontrager Excavating for \$120,000 - Table paying invoice  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes

**Other**

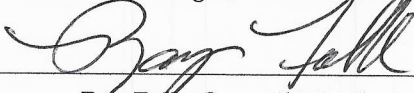
- Steve Schrock- Discussion on Town Clen Up Days
- Stan Strater - Wifi - Ligtel - Route - Working on getting a quote

**Adjournment**

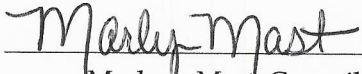
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 5:07pm  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting June 9, 2025, at 4p.m



Adam Lambright, Council President



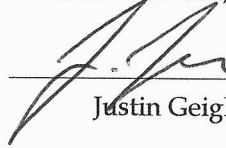
Ray Folk, Council Member



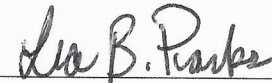
Marlym Mast, Council Member



Steve Schrock, Council Vice President



Justin Geigley, Council Member



ATTEST

Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer