

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026 4:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Call to order by Clerk Treasurer, Lea Parks

Roll Call

Present: Council Member, Adam Lambricht, 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, Cyndi Sadewasser Deputy Clerk, Harold Gingerich, Mark Webster, Ryan Chasey Club 720, Reagan Penick, LaTisha Pirtle, Jeff Wingstrom, Leanna Martin, Mark Herald, Larry Yoder, John Troyer, Jim Raber, Sherri Johnston

- Members of Topeka Town Council were sworn in for 2026 by Clerk Treasurer
- The 2026 Nepotism Policy were signed by Town Council and Clerk Treasurer

Officer Election for 2026

Nomination for Council President

Motion to Nominate Adam Lambricht: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Nomination for Vice President

Motion to Nominate Justin Geigley: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

Confirmation of Department Heads for 2026

Park Department: Greg Strawser

Street Department: Eric Moser

Water Department: Kevin Wright

Wastewater Department: Kenneth Sprague

Town Manager: Stewart Bender

Police Marshal: Stan Strater

Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock

Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Approval of Agenda as Presented with flexibility

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

Minutes from previous meeting of December 15, 2025, for Common Council Meeting

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

Minutes from Town Staff Meeting of January 8, 2026

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

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

- Claims
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

- Town Engineers for 2026 – Awarded to DLZ
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Region 3A – Nominate Marlynn Mast as Representative
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- 304 N Main St – Utility bill past due - \$72.22 – Forgive after application of deposit fee of \$50
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Local Govt. Services – Request to continue to use for 2026
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- Isolved – Time keeping services \$60/month – Approval for new contract to be signed outside the meeting
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- December Water Consumption
- November and December Fire Reports
- Tower Maintenance – North and South Water Towers Repairs – IDEM - \$32,200 for both
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Street Sweeper Estimate – Repairs - \$8,240.01 – Request for repairs
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Pond Champs – Request to go with Jones Lake Mgmt. - \$2,825 for the year
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Bike Trails Discussion – Requesting Easement of town land – Town Attorney working on documents for the land that the town owns for the bike trails
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

Town Marshal

- Lane Norris – Recoup 8 hours of unused personal day in 2025 due to him being at the academy
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- David Fry – Generator – no show – Table till next meeting
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes

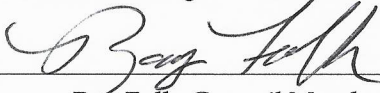
Town Attorney

- Ordinance 2026-1-12 Amending Rates and Charges of Utility Deposit Fee - \$150 – Open for as Public Hearing – No Comments
Motion to Close Public Hearing: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes

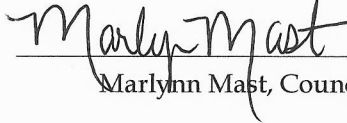
Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:33pm
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting January 26, 2026, at 4p.m

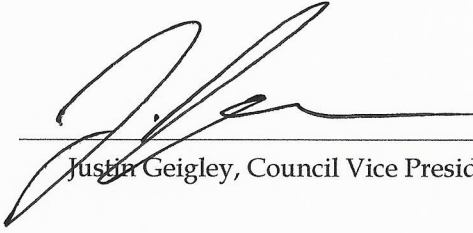
Adam Lambright, Council President



Ray Folk, Council Member



Marlynn Mast, Council Member



Justin Geigley, Council Vice President

Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST



Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer