

**Topeka Town Council**  
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana  
**General Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026 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, Stewart Bender Town Manager, Stan Strater Jr, Cyndi Sadewasser, Rob Chalk, Steve Peel, Qwinn Goff, Harold Gingerich, Mark Webster, Ryan Chasey, Reagan Penick, B. W. (High School Student)

**Approval of Agenda as Presented with flexibility**

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes

**Minutes from previous meeting of January 26, 2026, for Common Council Meeting**

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

**Minutes from Town Staff Meeting of February 5, 2026**

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

**Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer**

- Claims  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes
- January 2026 Appropriation Report  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes

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

- Resignation Letter – Greg Strawser – With Deep Gratitude Thank you for all your years of service to the Town  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes  
Request to Promote Kipp Lowe to Park Superintendent and then advertise for Laborer Position  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes
- Brightstar Auction – Request to auction a Rescue Truck and 2 Truck Beds  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes
- Fire Territory – Request 2 Council Member for Meeting with Township Trustee – Justin Nominates Marlynn Mast and Steve Schrock for the 2 Council Members for Meeting  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Ray Folk      Vote: All Ayes
- January Fire Reports

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

- Tower Maintenance – Dixon Engineering, Inc Revised Quote of \$42,900  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: All Ayes
- January Water Consumption
- Wastewater – Heat Trace and Insulate Effluent Pipe, South Tank – Debolt Construction and Weller Electric Quote \$4,911.35  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes
- Street Sweeper Repairs Quote – Brown Equipment Company \$4,136.08  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes

**Town Marshal**


- K9 Equipment – Setina Quotes - \$10,838 – Table till next meeting  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley    Seconded: Steve Schrock    Vote: All Ayes

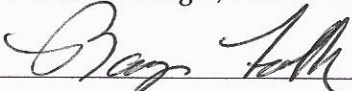
**Town Attorney**

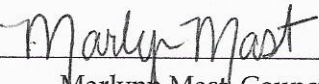
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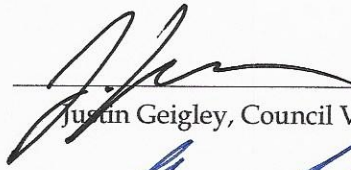
**Adjournment**


- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:19pm  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting February 23, 2026, 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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Justin Geigley, Council Vice President

  
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Steve Schrock, Council Member

ATTEST   
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Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer