

**Topeka Town Council**  
**124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana**  
**General Meeting Minutes February 23, 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, Quinn Goff, Reagan Penick, Eric Dunithan, Hunter Egli, Bentley Ryall, Ianita Mast, Liliana Terrones, Ava Hostetler, Breann Cory, Miley Mast, Janissa Lehman, Dallas Yoder, Noah Bontrager, Butch Lehman, Casey Erwin DLZ

**Approval of Agenda as Presented with flexibility**

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

**Minutes from previous meeting of February 9, 2026, for Common Council Meeting**

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

**Minutes from Town Staff Meeting of February 19, 2026**

Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstain: Ray Folk

**Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer**

- Claims  
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley      Seconded: Steve Schrock      Vote: All Ayes
  
- Outstanding Warrants from 2023 Receipted back in on 2.9.2026 - Receipt # 8002 for \$6,354.07 and Receipt # 8001 for \$1,355.35  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
  
- 309 W. Pine - Past Due Utility bill \$405.35 - Attorney's office filed a certified letter on 2.11.2026 if payment is not made in 30 days it will go to court.  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Justin Geigley      Vote: All Ayes
  
- Amending Salary Ordinance 2026-2-23 - Water Superintendent Alliance Program has met his 4<sup>th</sup> tier wage raise to \$26.26 and is retroactive date of 12.22.2025  
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk      Seconded: Marlynn Mast      Vote: All Ayes

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

- West Lake Road Project - Accept Bids as received and read aloud on 2.19.2026 and signing town contractor agreement outside of town meeting - Awarded to API Constriction Corporation of \$1,362,955.00

Motion to Approve: Ray Folk    Seconded: Marlynn Mast    Vote: All Ayes

- Bike Trails Maintenance - Discussion

**Town Marshal**

- K9 Equipment - Waymire Quotes - \$9,170 - Table till next meeting and requesting quotes for all equipment and items that have to do with the K9  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Voted Nay: Ray Folk

**Town Attorney**

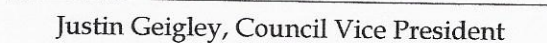
- Bike Trails Easement - Working on Draft
- Sewer Extension Agreement for Housing Development  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Ray Folk    Vote: All Ayes
- Building Appraisals - Requesting Authority to send to Attorney for Crossroads building offer the mean of the 2 Appraisals  
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: Not All Ayes  
Abstain: Ray Folk

**Adjournment**

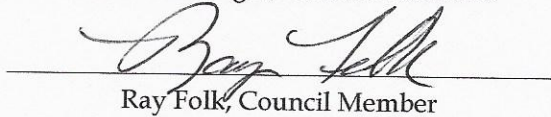
- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:43pm  
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock    Seconded: Justin Geigley    Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting March 9, 2026, at 4p.m



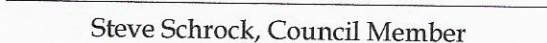
Adam Lambright, Council President



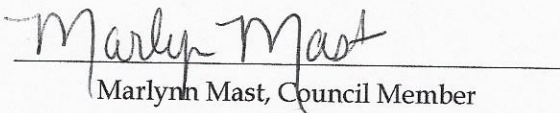
Justin Geigley, Council Vice President



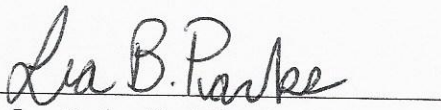
Ray Folk, Council Member



Steve Schrock, Council Member



Marlynn Mast, Council Member

ATTEST   
Lea Parks, Clerk Treasurer