

Topeka Town Council
124 E. Lake Street, Topeka, Indiana
General Meeting Minutes March 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, Via Zoom 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, Chris Thompson, Devon "Butch" Lehman

Approval of Agenda as Presented with flexibility

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

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

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

Minutes from Town Staff Meeting of March 19, 2026

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

Lea Parks, Clerk-Treasurer

- Claims
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- January 2026 Monthly Financials
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- February 2026 Monthly Financials
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Revenue & Expenditure Report as of 2.28.2026
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Executive Session Minutes on 3.12.2026
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Executive Session Minutes on 3.19.2026
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: All Ayes
- Delinquent & Penalty for Utility Billing – There was a billing glitch in the software – Request to Waive Penalty Fees
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes

Stewart Bender, Town Manager/Fire Chief

- Seasonal Part Time Employee - Request to hire Cole Miller
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- Laborer Full Time Position - Request to hire Chris Thompson
Motion to Approve: Marlynn Mast Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: All Ayes
- 1843 W Lake St - Wanting a Building/Shed - Request for Positive Recommendation
Motion to Approve: Ray Folk Seconded: Marlynn Mast Vote: Not All Ayes
- Ferguson Quote - \$7,632 - 1" Meters Qty 18 - Request to Order
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Ray Folk Vote: All Ayes
- February Fire Runs

Town Marshal

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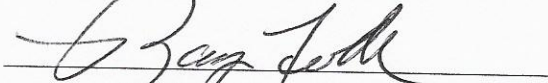
Town Attorney

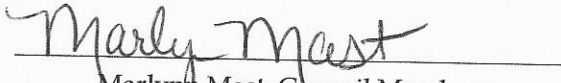
- Employee Handbook Change - Working on for Next Staff Meeting
- FOIA - Working on for Next Staff Meeting
- Keystone Building - Discussion waiting to hear back from there Attorney
- Improvement Plan - Distribute Ballots
Motion to Approve: Steve Schrock Seconded: Justin Geigley Vote: 5 Total Votes Cast -
Received 4 Votes: Ayes Received 1 Vote Nay
Adam Lambright Announced the Vote Passed Approving the Improvement Plan

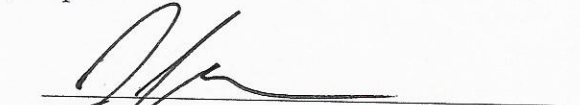
Adjournment


- Meeting Adjourned by President Adam Lambright at 4:26pm
Motion to Approve: Justin Geigley Seconded: Steve Schrock Vote: All Ayes
- Next General Council meeting April 13, 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